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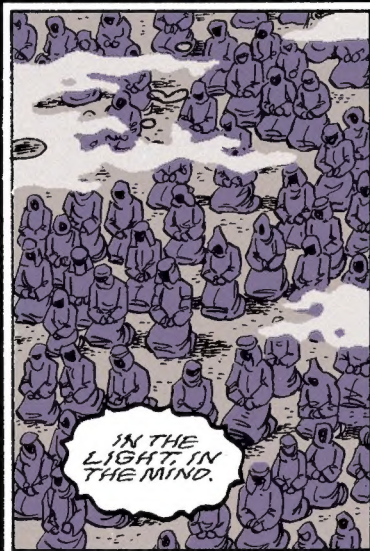
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THE LEGEND OF  
VALOR









TO DWELL IN  
THE SERENITY OF  
THE CIRCLE  
FOREVER.



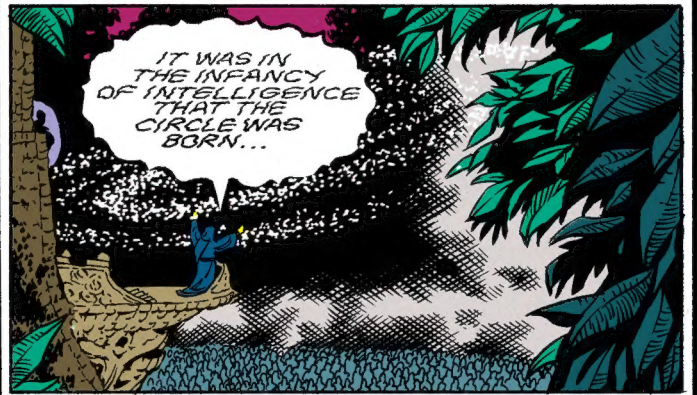


THERE  
IS NO OTHER  
TRUTH.

BROTHERSSS AND  
SEISTERSS IN  
THE CIRCLE...



THIS IS THE NIGHT OF  
REMEMBRANCE,  
THE NIGHT  
WE CELEBRATE  
THE SALVATION OF  
THE UNIVERSE.  
THE NIGHT WE  
COMMEMORATE  
THE BIRTH OF  
THE CIRCLE...



IT WAS IN  
THE INFANCY  
OF INTELLIGENCE  
THAT THE  
CIRCLE WAS  
BORN...



DEEP TOWARD  
THE GALAXSSY'S  
CORE, WHERE THE  
DEMONIC LIGHT  
THREATENED TO  
INCCINERATE ALL  
LIFE...

THE DARK  
SSEER FIRSST  
RECOGNIZED  
THE DIVINE  
DARKNESS IN  
HIS BLOOD...



...RECOGNIZED  
THE CHANCE  
FOR LIFE. FOR HIM  
AND THOSE WHO  
FOLLOWED HIM.



BECAUSE THERE  
WASS NO OTHER  
TRUTH, THE DARKNESS  
SSPREAD, ENVELOPING  
WORLD AFTER WORLD  
UNTIL THE LIGHT  
WASS NEARLY  
EXTINGUISHED IN  
THE GALAXY.



THEN THOUSANDS  
OF DECADES PASST,  
WE SSTRAYED.

THE CCIRCLE'S CONVERTS  
ON OTHER WORLDS--ELIA,  
ARDEMO, APOKOLIPSS, BECAME  
SSEDUCED BY THE LIGHT, USED  
IT AS A WEAPON AGAINST  
US, NEARLY DESTROYED  
THE DARKNESS AND ALL  
CHANCE FOR LIFE.

ONLY HERE IN  
THE FOUR HAVEN--  
WORLDS OF ARA, DID  
THE TRUE DARKNESS  
SSURVIVE, PRESERVED  
THROUGH EONSS OF A  
BLINDING LIGHT THAT  
DROVE MAD THE  
CCIRCLE'S CHILDREN-  
RACESS AND THE  
GALAXSSY THEY  
ENSSLAVED.

THE DARKNESS  
SSURVIVED BUT  
THE CCIRCLE WAS  
INCOMPLETE. THE  
DARKNESS WAS  
GOING  
DORMANT.

THEN, 90 DECADES PASST,  
THE CIRCLE WAS FINALLY  
COMPLETED. A FIFTH ARA  
WORLD, DOL MINUSS, JOINED  
USS, BRINGING WITH IT A  
NEW VIGOR, AND A MASTERY  
OF THE DEMONIC LIGHT AS  
OUR TOOL, OUR WEAPON.

ALL OF THISS  
THE DARK SEER  
HAD FORETOLD. WHEN  
THERE ISS A FIFTH  
WORLD, DARKNESS  
WILL ONCE AGAIN  
SSPREAD ACROSS  
THE GALAXSSY.

HE ALSO  
FORETOLD:

"YOU WILL BE JOINED  
BY THE ETERNAL  
ONE, THE GREAT  
TEACHER--A PRODIGAL  
CHILD OF THE CIRCLE--  
WHO WILL RETURN TO  
YOU AND BECOME  
YOUR GREATEST  
LEADER."

AND SSO  
IT HAPPENED,  
FIFTY DECADES  
PASST.





MY BROTHERSS AND SSISTERS, WE HAVE OUR FIFTH WORLD, WE HAVE OUR GREAT TEACHER. THE ETERNAL DARKNESS IS COMING.



GO, SSSPREAD THE DARKNESSS AND REJOICE IN IT, FOR ONE DAY IT WILL ENGULF ALL THINGSS.



AND WE LIVE IN THE DARKNESS FOREVER.



NO OTHER TRUTH.



IT IS A HOLLOW EXERCISE WHEN WE'VE SUFFERED SUCH A SETBACK.

...HSH... HOW CAN YOU SPEAK SUCH WORDS...

...HSH... THE ETERNAL DARKNESS IS COMING!



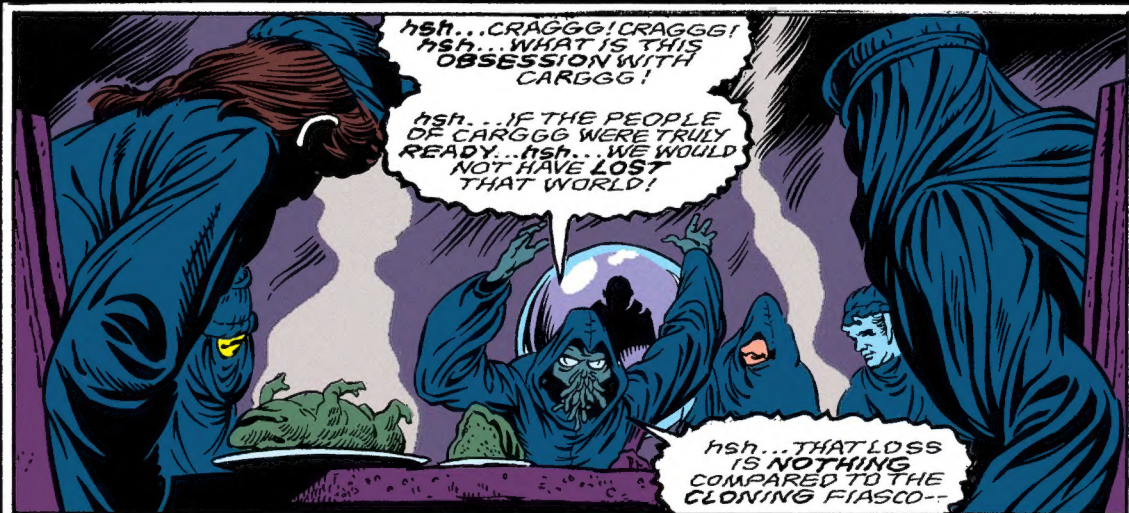
PERRHAPS.

BUT WE WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER TO IT IF WE HADN'T LOST CARGGG!

AYE.

THAT WAS A DEVASTATING BLOW.

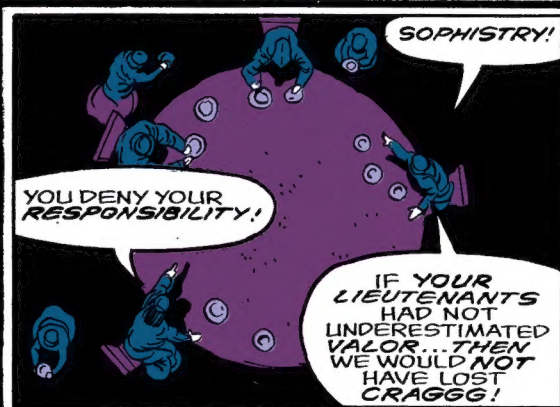




hsh...CARGGG!CARGGG!  
hsh...WHAT IS THIS  
OBSESSION WITH  
CARGGG!

hsh...IF THE PEOPLE  
OF CARGGG WERE TRULY  
READY...hsh...WE WOULD  
NOT HAVE LOST  
THAT WORLD!

hsh...THAT LOSS  
IS NOTHING  
COMPARED TO THE  
CLONING FIASCO--



SOPHISTRY!

YOU DENY YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY!

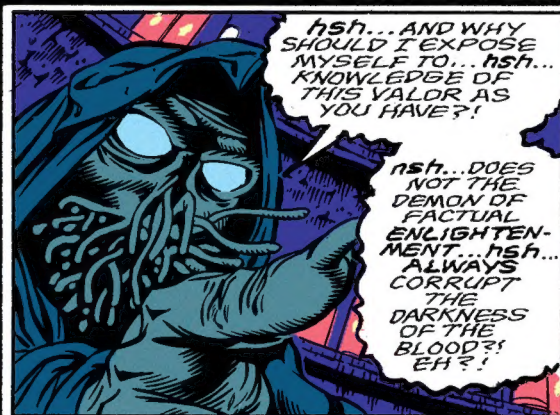
IF YOUR  
LIEUTENANTS  
HAD NOT  
UNDERESTIMATED  
VALOR...THEN  
WE WOULD NOT  
HAVE LOST  
CARGGG!



hsh,hsh...I WILL  
NOT HEAR SUCH  
UNTRUTH!

CARGGG WAS YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY,N'CRONI  
CASSTOVER!

AND YOUR  
IGNORANCE OF  
VALOR'S INFLUENCE  
HAS COST  
US DEARLY!



hsh...AND WHY  
SHOULD I EXPOSE  
MYSELF TO...hsh...  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
THIS VALOR AS  
YOU HAVE?!

hsh...DOES  
NOT THE  
DEMON OF  
FACTUAL  
ENLIGHTEN-  
MENT...hsh...  
ALWAYS  
CORRUPT  
THE  
DARKNESS OF  
THE BLOOD?!  
EH?!



hsh...SOMETIMES  
I BELIEVE THAT YOU  
HAVE ALLOWED THE  
LIGHT TO CORRUPT  
YOUR VEINS!

SSILENCE!

WE HAVE WARNED  
YOU ABOUT THESE  
DISSLOYAL OUTBURSTS,  
N'CRONI CASSTOVER.



BRROTHER CASTOVER,  
THE RRESTRICTIONS AGAINST  
ENLIGHTENMENT ARE  
FORR THE WEAK...FORR  
OURRR FOLLOWERRS.



YES,THE DEMONIC  
LIGHT IS DEADLY,  
THAT IS TRUE.

BUT IN  
MANY WAYS,  
THE SPREAD  
OF THE  
DARKNESS  
DEPENDS ON  
DEATH.





LIKE ALL WEAPONS OF EVIL, THIS DEADLY LIGHT OF OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE MUST BE HARNESSSED AND USED TO OVRK ADVANTAGE.



AND WE CAN SCARCELY AFFORD TO IGNORE VALORR'S CRITICAL ROLE IN UNITD PLANETS HISTORY...

ORR IN OURRS...



hsh...WELL YOU SHOULD ARGUE SUCH SOPHISTRY, DOLMINAE CASTOVER!

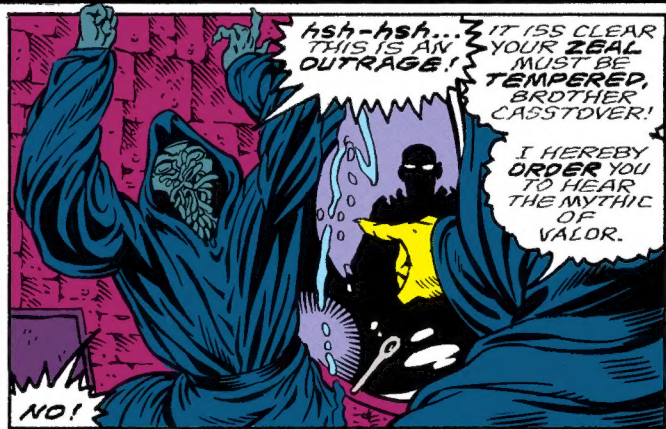
hsh...IT WAS ONLY WHEN WE ALLOWED DOLMINUS INTO THE CIRCLE hsh...THAT SUCH DANGEROUS NOTIONS TOOK HOLD!



THAT WAS 90 DECADES PAST! THISS ISS POINTLESS!

YESSS.

THE N'CRONI CASTOVER MUST BE DEALT WITH!



hsh-hsh... THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

IT ISS CLEAR YOUR ZEAL MUST BE TEMPERED, BROTHER CASSTOVER!

I HEREBY ORDER YOU TO HEAR THE MYTHIC OF VALOR.

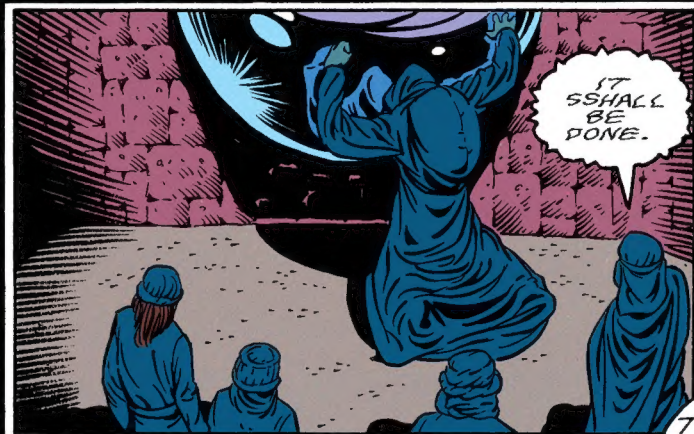
NO!



hsh-hsh...THEY SCHEME TO CONTAMINATE ME!

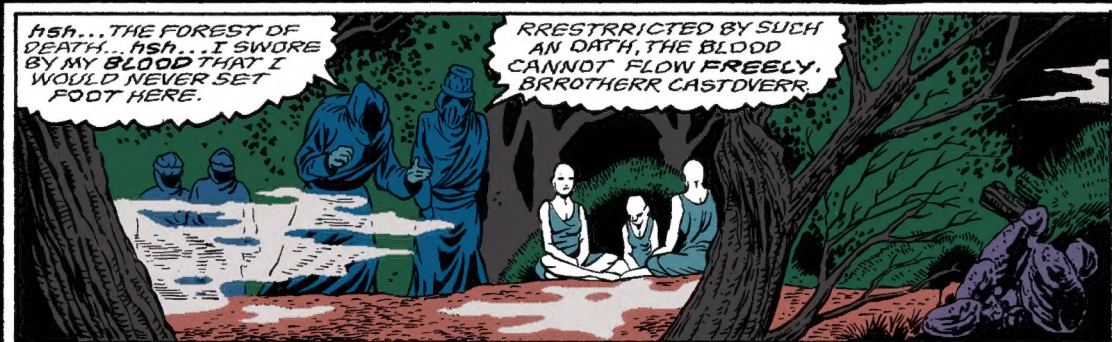
hsh...GREAT TEACHER! GREAT TEACHER!...hsh...TELL THEM!...hsh...THIS IS NOT THE TRUE WAY!...hsh...MY PUNISHMENT IS UNJUST!

TELL THEM!



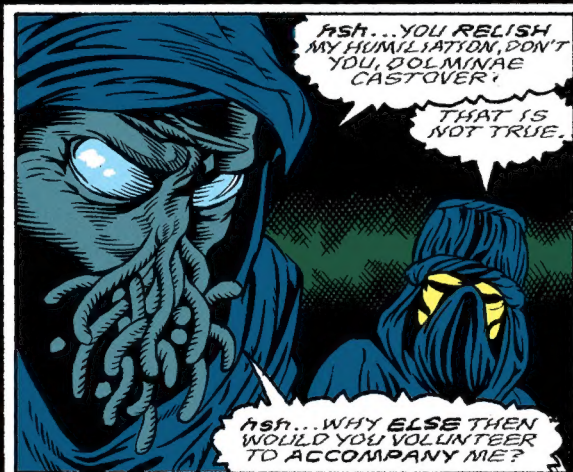
IT SSSHALL BE DONE.





hsh... THE FOREST OF DEATH... hsh... I SWORE BY MY BLOOD THAT I WOULD NEVER SET FOOT HERE.

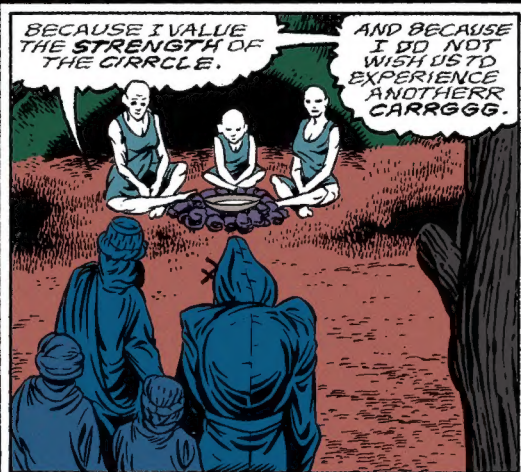
RRESTRICTED BY SUCH AN OATH, THE BLOOD CANNOT FLOW FREELY. BRROTHERR CASTOVERR.



hsh... YOU RELISH MY HUMILIATION, DON'T YOU, COLMINAE CASTOVERR?

THAT IS NOT TRUE.

hsh... WHY ELSE THEN WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO ACCOMPANY ME?



BECAUSE I VALUE THE STRENGTH OF THE CIRCLE.

AND BECAUSE I DO NOT WISH US TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CARRGGG.

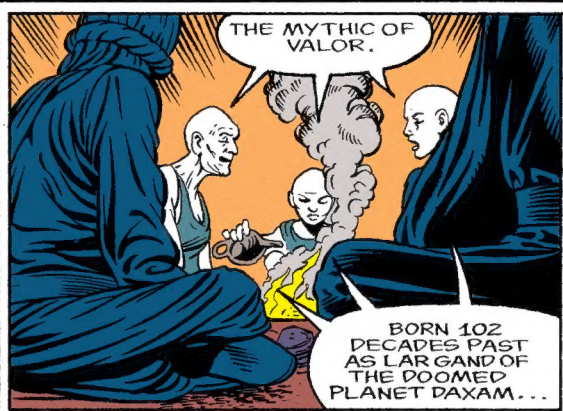


RRECITERR! WE HAVE COME TO HEAR THE MYTHIC OF VALORR.

ARE YOU THEN PREPARED TO EXPOSE YOURSELF TO THE LIGHT?

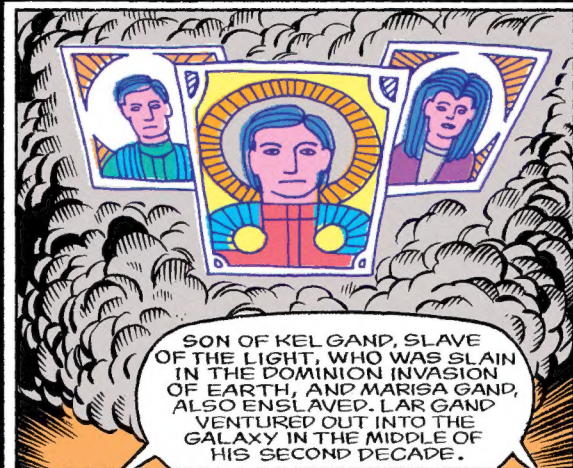
WE ARRE PRPREPARED.

VERY WELL.



THE MYTHIC OF VALOR.

BORN 102 DECADES PAST AS LAR GAND OF THE DOOMED PLANET DAXAM...

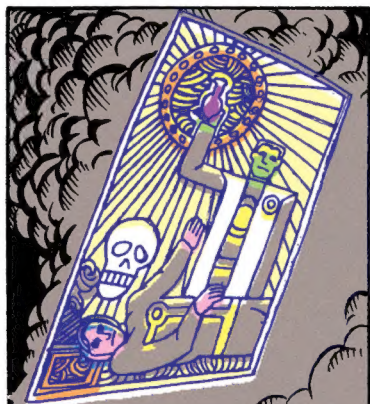


SON OF KEL GAND, SLAVE OF THE LIGHT, WHO WAS SLAIN IN THE DOMINION INVASION OF EARTH, AND MARISA GAND, ALSO ENSLAVED. LAR GAND VENTURED OUT INTO THE GALAXY IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS SECOND DECADE.



POSSESSOR OF THE AWESOME DAXAMITE POWERS, LAR GAND BECAME A COLLEAGUE AND ADVERSARY OF VRIL DROX, CONQUEROR OF THE COMPUTER TYRANTS OF COLU.





DURING THAT PERIOD OBTAINING FROM DOX A PROTOTYPE SERUM TO COUNTER THE LEAD POISONING THAT THREATENS ALL DAXAMITES.



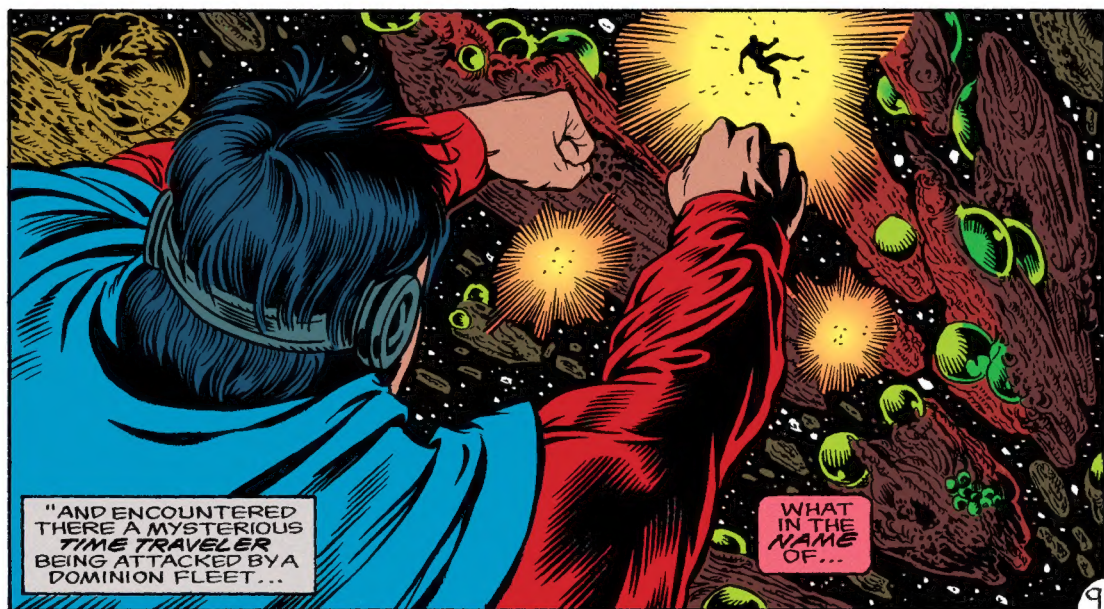
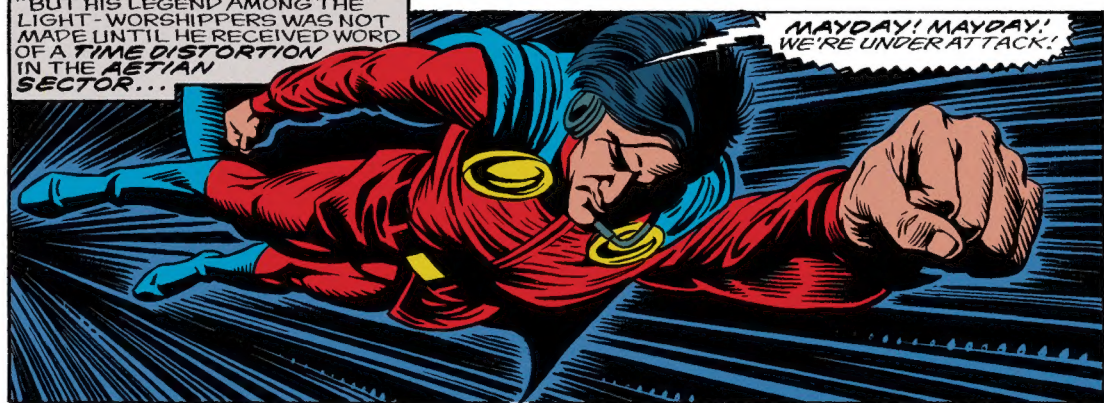
AFTER SEVERING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH DOX, LAR GAND ENCOUNTERED GREAT ADVENTURES AND SETTLED FOR A TIME ON AN ADOPTED WORLD.



FROM WHICH HE CAME TO BE A BRINGER OF THE LIGHT TO MANY WORLDS OF THE GALAXY.

"BUT HIS LEGEND AMONG THE LIGHT - WORSHIPPERS WAS NOT MADE UNTIL HE RECEIVED WORD OF A TIME DISTORTION IN THE AETIAN SECTOR..."

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!



"AND ENCOUNTERED THERE A MYSTERIOUS TIME TRAVELER BEING ATTACKED BY A DOMINION FLEET..."

WHAT IN THE NAME OF...





"VALOR JOINED WITH THE TIME TRAVELER TO DRIVE **BACK** THE HOSTILE DOMINION FLEET..."

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

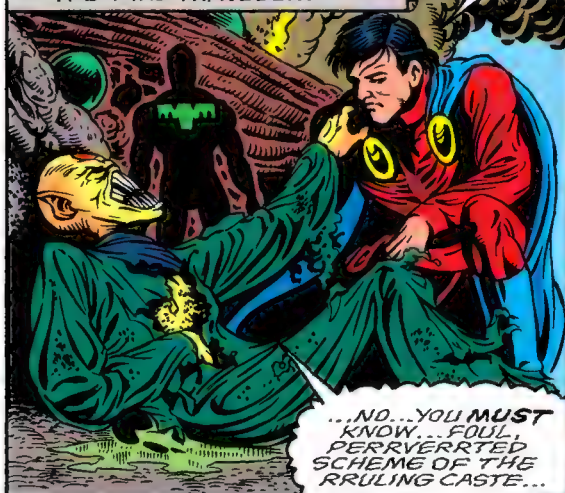
SHOOTING DOWN ONE OF THEIR OWN SHIPS!

"IT WAS A **RENEGADE**... A LOWER-CASTE MEMBER WHO'D ATTEMPTED TO **AID** VALOR AND THE TIME TRAVELER."

SAVE YOUR STRENGTH...

...FLEET WAS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH...  
...**UHN**...  
...**SECRET BASES**...

...FOR ANOTHER INVASION OF EARTH...



...NO... YOU MUST KNOW... FOUL PERVERRTED SCHEME OF THE RULING CASTE...



"THE **RENEGADE DOMINATOR** DIED OF HIS WOUNDS, LEAVING VALOR TO PONDER SOME DISTURBING REALITIES..."

ANOTHER INVASION OF EARTH, MY GOD.

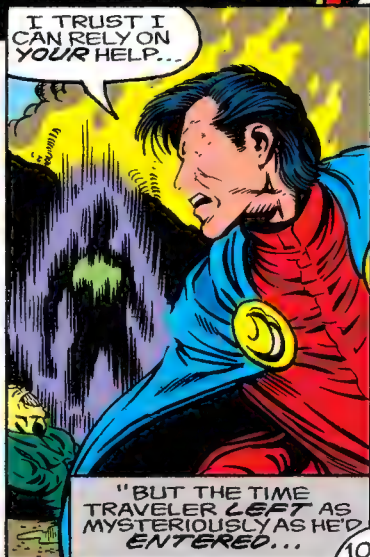
THE **FIRST** ONE COST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES.



INCLUDING MY FATHER'S.

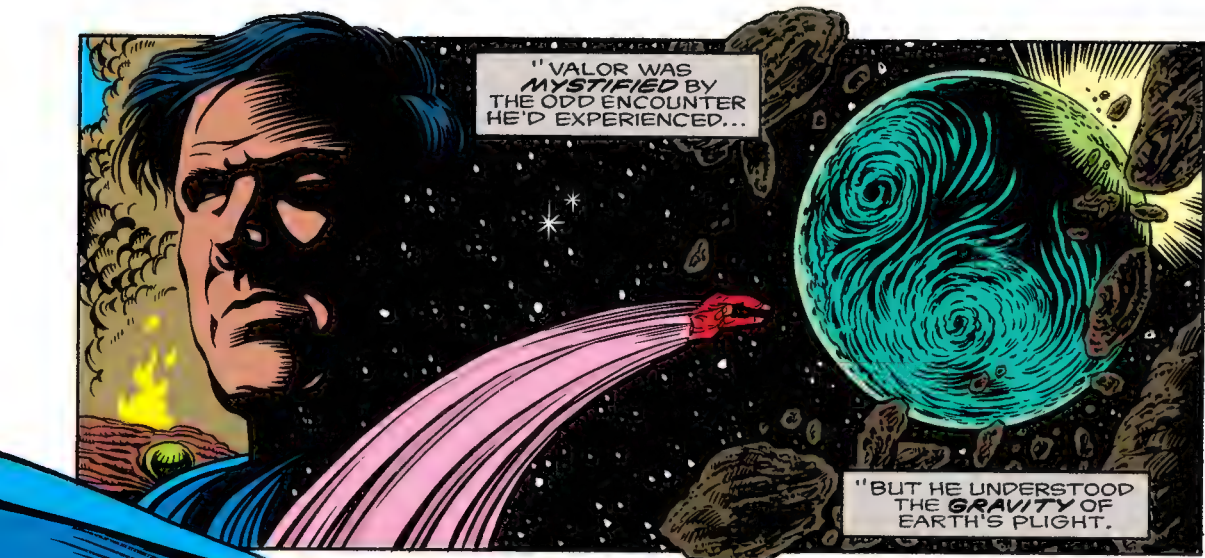


I TRUST I CAN RELY ON YOUR HELP...



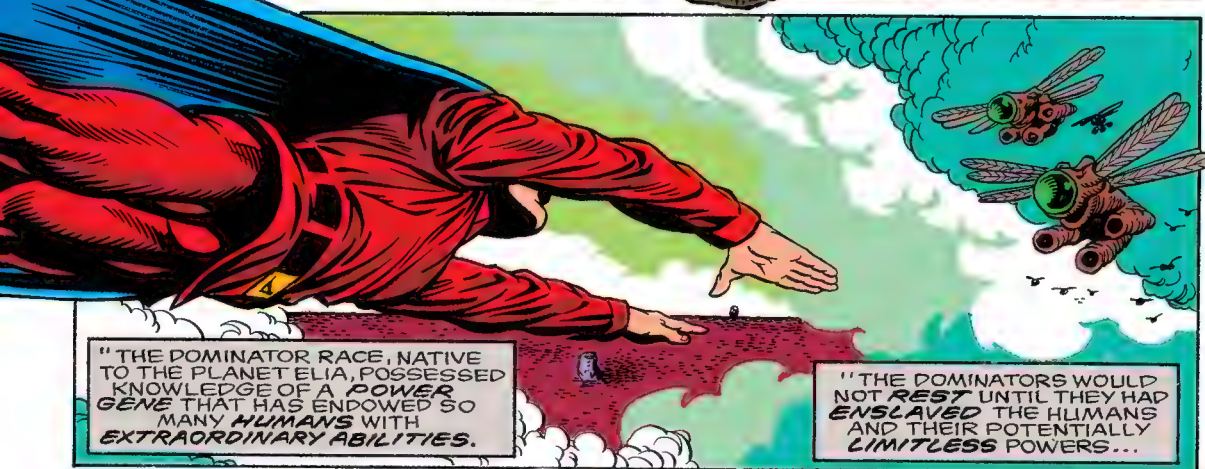
"BUT THE TIME TRAVELER LEFT AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS HE'D ENTERED..."





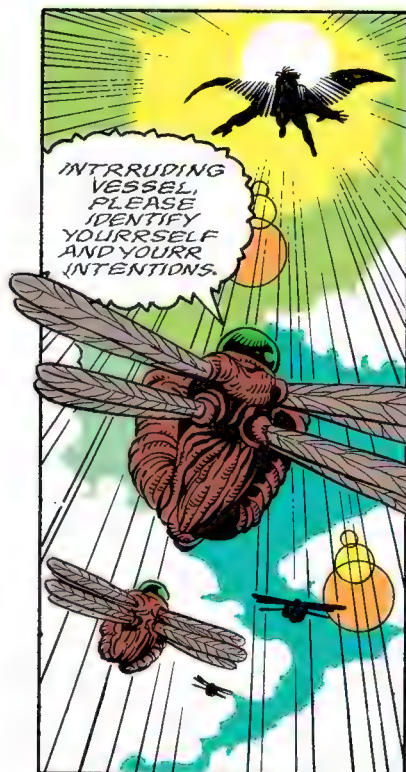
"VALOR WAS **MYSTIFIED** BY THE ODD ENCOUNTER HE'D EXPERIENCED...

"BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THE **GRAVITY** OF EARTH'S PLIGHT.

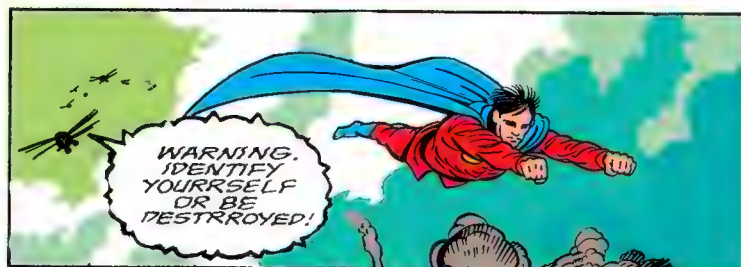


"THE DOMINATOR RACE, NATIVE TO THE PLANET ELIA, POSSESSED KNOWLEDGE OF A **POWER GENE** THAT HAS ENDOWED SO MANY **HUMANS** WITH **EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES**.

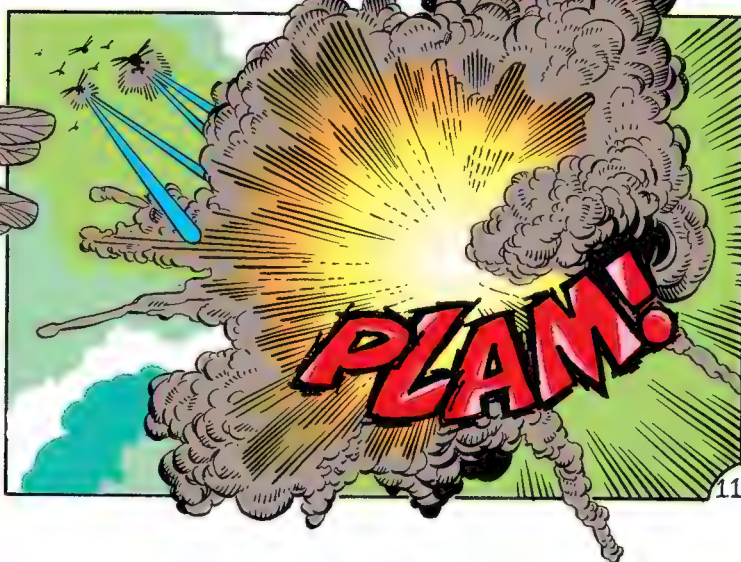
"THE DOMINATORS WOULD NOT **REST** UNTIL THEY HAD **ENSLAVED** THE HUMANS AND THEIR POTENTIALLY **LIMITLESS POWERS**...



INTRUDING VESSEL, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND YOUR INTENTIONS.

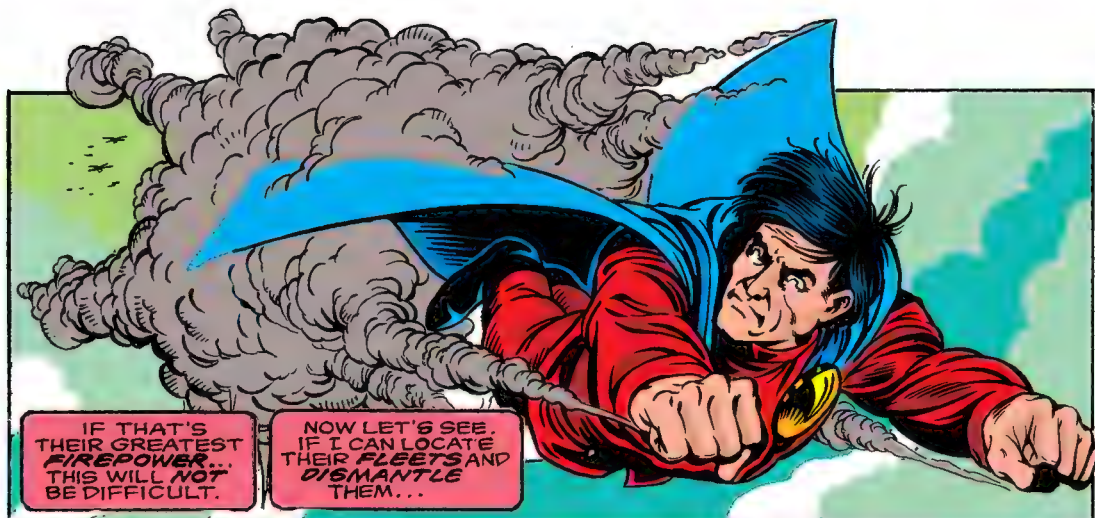


WARNING, IDENTIFY YOURSELF OR BE DESTROYED!



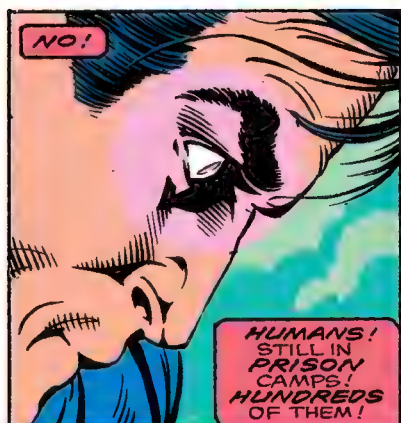
**PLAM!**





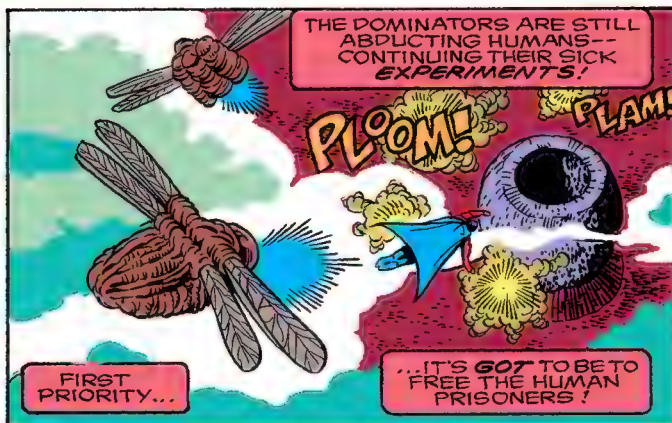
IF THAT'S  
THEIR GREATEST  
**FIREPOWER...**  
THIS WILL **NOT**  
BE DIFFICULT.

NOW LET'S SEE  
IF I CAN LOCATE  
THEIR **FLEETS** AND  
**DISMANTLE**  
THEM...



**NO!**

**HUMANS!**  
STILL IN  
PRISON  
CAMPS!  
**HUNDREDS**  
OF THEM!



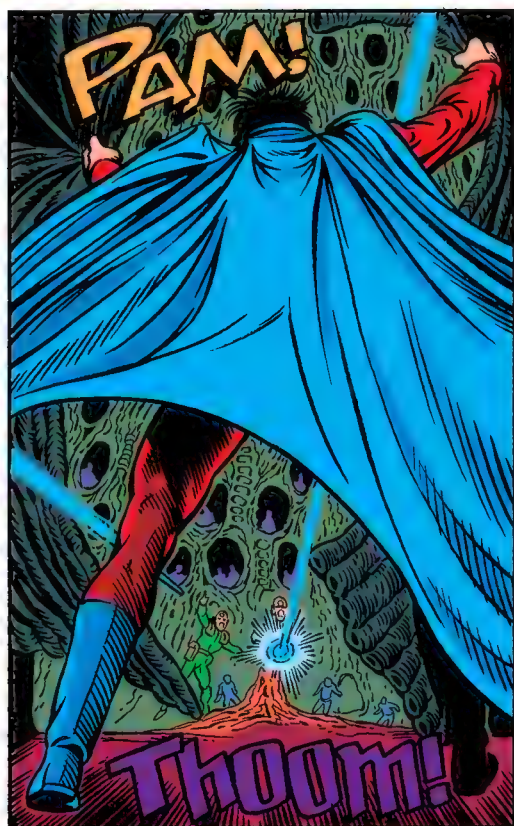
THE DOMINATORS ARE STILL  
ABDUCTING HUMANS--  
CONTINUING THEIR SICK  
**EXPERIMENTS!**

**PLOOM!**

**PLAM!**

FIRST  
PRIORITY...

...IT'S GOT TO BE TO  
FREE THE HUMAN  
PRISONERS!



**PAM!**

**THOOM!**



WHAT --  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

I'VE COME HERE  
TO **RESCUE**  
YOU!

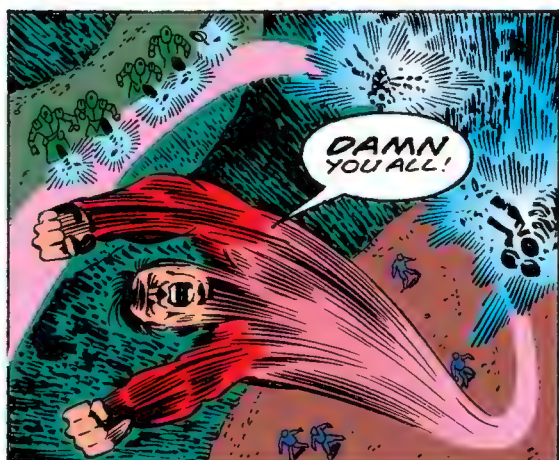
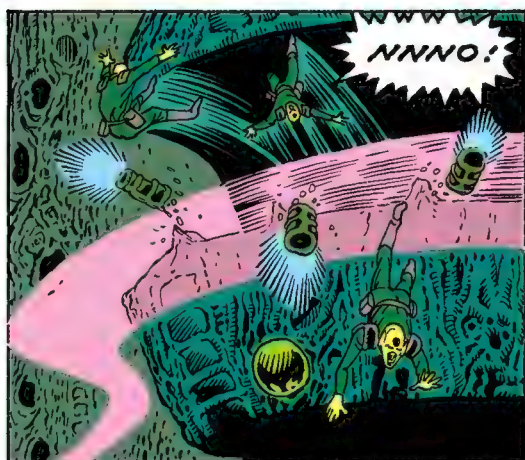


**ALL  
RIGHT!**

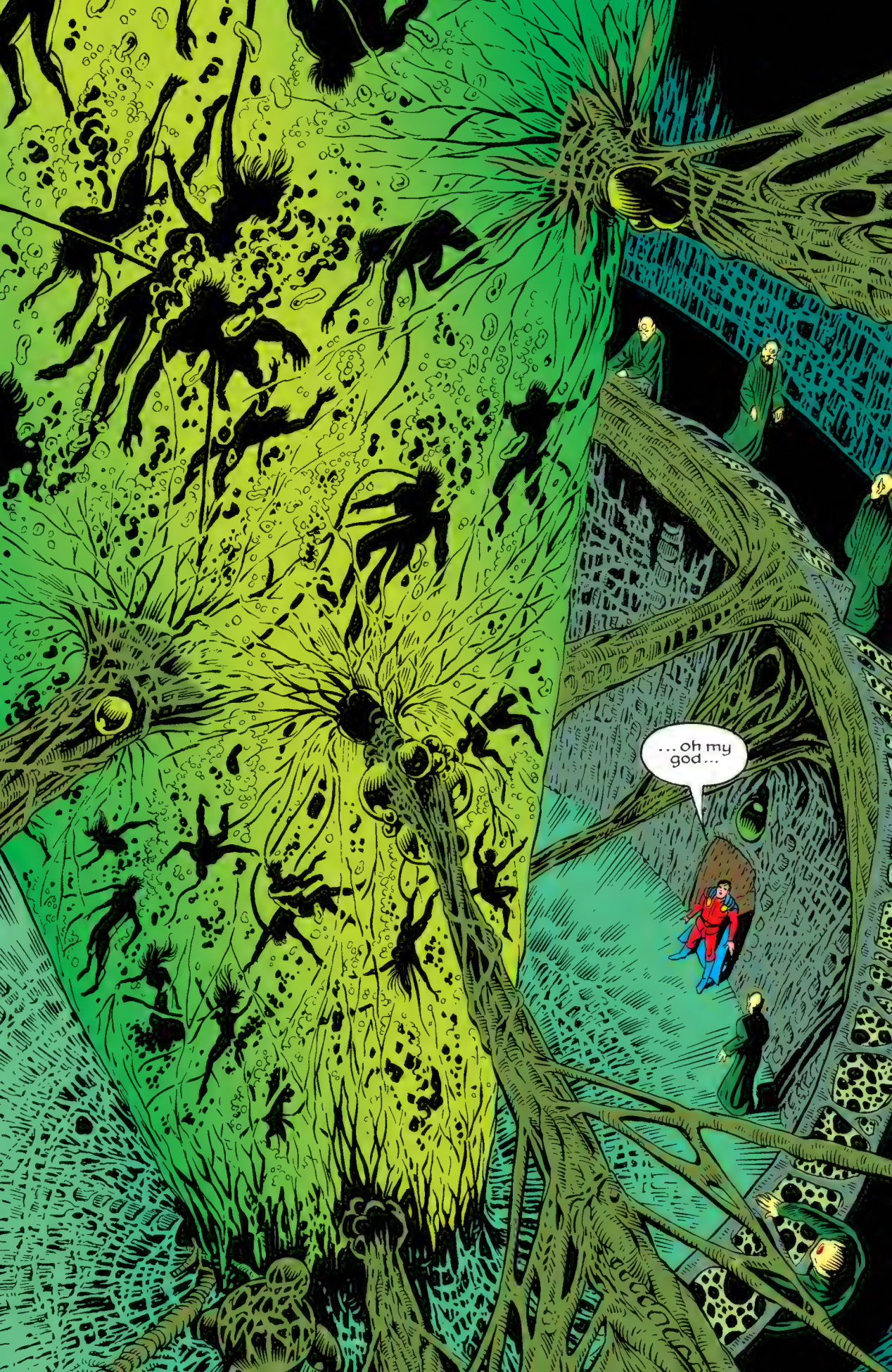
WE'RE  
GONNA  
GET **OUT**  
OF HERE,  
MAN!

**YEAH!**



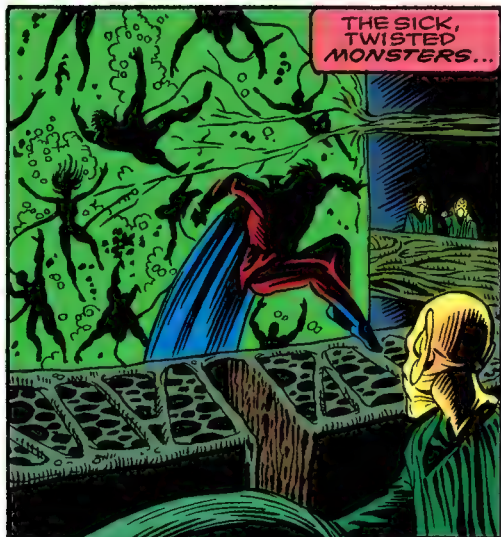






... oh my  
god...





THE SICK,  
TWISTED  
MONSTERS...



I'VE GOT TO  
DO SOMETHING...  
FIGURE OUT HOW  
TO UNHOOK  
THOSE POOR  
PEOPLE.

GOD, WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO DO?



HOW DO I SAVE  
THESE PEOPLE?

THIS  
TECHNOLOGY...  
UNLIKE ANYTHING  
I'VE EVER SEEN...

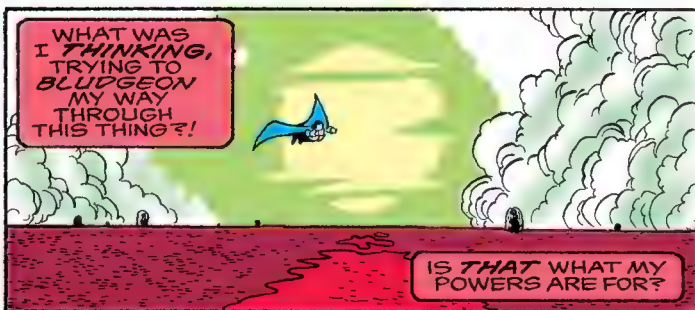


DAMN!



WHAT WAS I  
DOING?

GOT TO USE MY HEAD.  
COME UP WITH A  
MORE TACTICAL  
APPROACH.



WHAT WAS  
I *THINKING*,  
TRYING TO  
BLUDGEON  
MY WAY  
THROUGH  
THIS THING?!

IS *THAT* WHAT MY  
POWERS ARE FOR?



I NEED  
INFORMATION.

I NEED  
ALLIES.





...NOW **DON'T**  
BE FRIGHTENED,  
MY DEAR... WE'LL  
GET YOU TO  
**SAFETY...**



...THEY DON'T SEARCH  
MY **CRATINGS...** SO  
WE'LL GET  
THROUGH THEIR  
CHECK POINTS  
ALL RIGHT...

...THUH...  
HANK...  
YOOOO...



NONSENSE,  
LASS, THIS  
IS JUST  
WHAT THE  
SUB-DOMINA  
**DOES...**



OH SPET!

WHUH-  
HUT?

GO **BACK**,  
LASS! GO BACK  
**QUIETLY!**



HELLO?  
WHO'S  
**THERE?**

A FRIEND. I  
**NEED**  
YOUR HELP.



LADDY,  
**EVERYBODY**  
NEEDS HELP  
**THESE**  
DAYS.

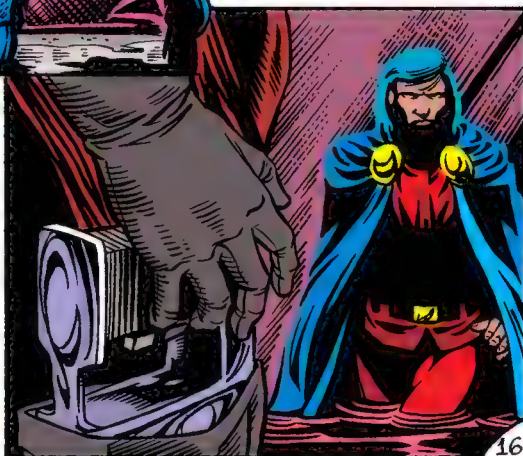
LOOK, I  
**KNOW** YOU  
HAVE NO  
REASON TO  
**TRUST**  
ME.



HEY, DON'T  
BE MAKING  
**TROUBLE**  
FOR ME...

I'M SORRY  
TO HAVE TO  
DO THIS, BUT  
IT'S THE ONLY  
WAY...

THAT'S  
CLOSE  
ENOUGH,  
LAD!



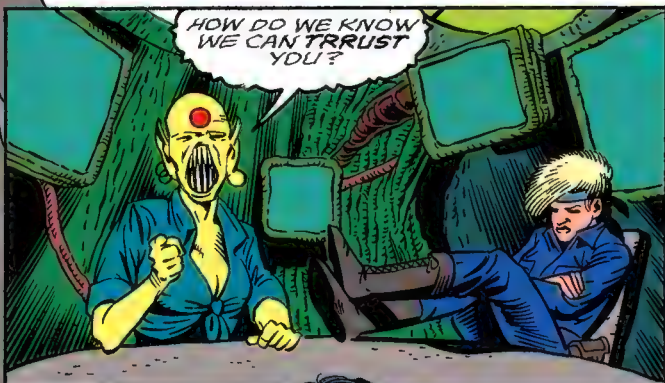




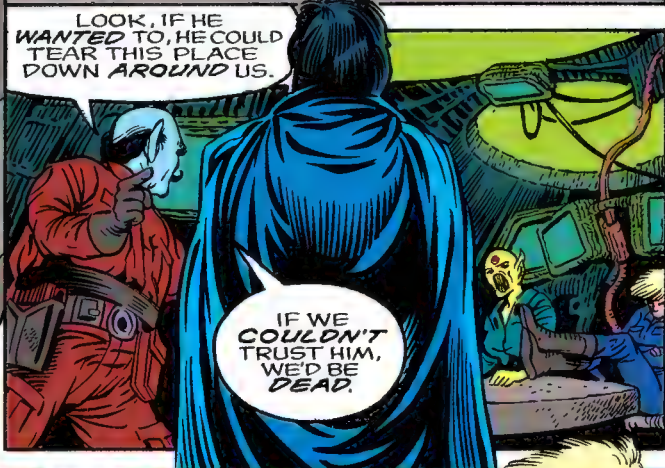
I GAVE YA  
FAIR  
WARNING!



NOW, CAN WE  
TALK?



HOW DO WE KNOW  
WE CAN TRRUST  
YOU?



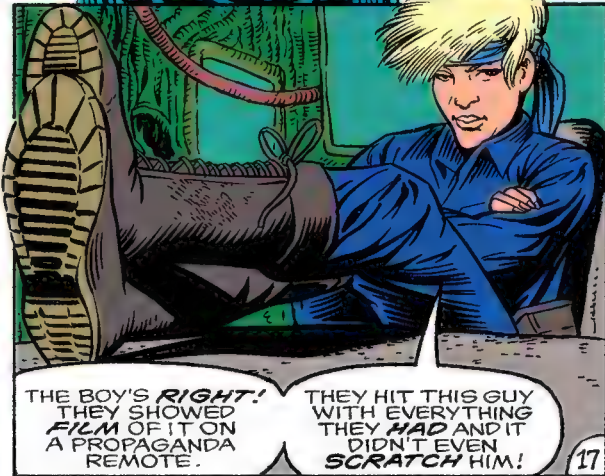
LOOK, IF HE  
WANTED TO, HE COULD  
TEAR THIS PLACE  
DOWN AROUND US.

IF WE  
COULDN'T  
TRUST HIM,  
WE'D BE  
DEAD.



OH, CRRRAFF,  
YOU GUYS DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING!

LIKE THIS IS  
THE GUY THE  
COMMUNITY  
WAS TRYIN' TO  
BLDW UP TODAY!



THE BOY'S **RIGHT!**  
THEY SHOWED  
**FILM** OF IT ON  
A PROPAGANDA  
REMOTE.

THEY HIT THIS GUY  
WITH EVERYTHING  
THEY **HAD** AND IT  
DIDN'T EVEN  
**SCRATCH** HIM!



WELL, ANY  
ENEMY OF THE  
COMMUNITY MUST  
BE A FRIEND OF  
THE SUB-  
DOMINANS.

BUT WE  
WOULD LIKE  
TO KNOW  
EXACTLY  
WHO YOU  
ARE...

YES, OF COURSE.  
MY NAME IS LARGAND.  
ON AN ADOPTED  
WORLD THEY GAVE ME  
THE NAME VALOR.

WELCOME  
TO THE  
SUB-DOMINA,  
VALOR.

I AM 36Z.

UH, 36Z IS  
YOUR NAME?

IT IS RRARRR  
FOR A DOMINATRR,  
ESPECIALLY  
A FEMALE, TO TAKE  
A NAME. IT IS A SIGN  
OF REBELLION  
AGAINST THE  
CASTES.

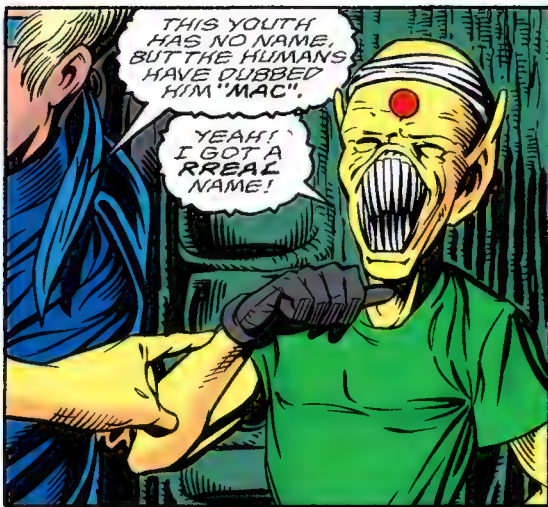
AND THOSE OF US WHO TOOK  
NAMES HAD NO MODEL TO  
FOLLOW, SO WE CHOSE  
NUMBERS.

I AM THE LEADERRR OF THE  
SUB-DOMINA AND THESE ARRE  
AMONG MY MOST TRRUSTED  
AIDES...

SHAMARRRA, AN  
ESCAPEE OF ONE  
OF THE MUTATION  
CAMPS...

...WHERE HERRR  
ENSLAVERRRS ARRE  
DEVELOPING A STRAIN  
OF THE POWER GENE  
THAT GIVES ITS  
SUBJECTS THE  
ABILITY TO  
PROJECT INTENSE  
COLD...





THIS YOUTH HAS NO NAME, BUT THE HUMANS HAVE DUBBED HIM "MAC".

YEAH! I GOT A RREAL NAME!



AND LUSTIG YOU'VE MET. HE'S AN AETIAN-TALOKAN MERRCHANT WITH A FRRRE RUN OF THE PLANET.



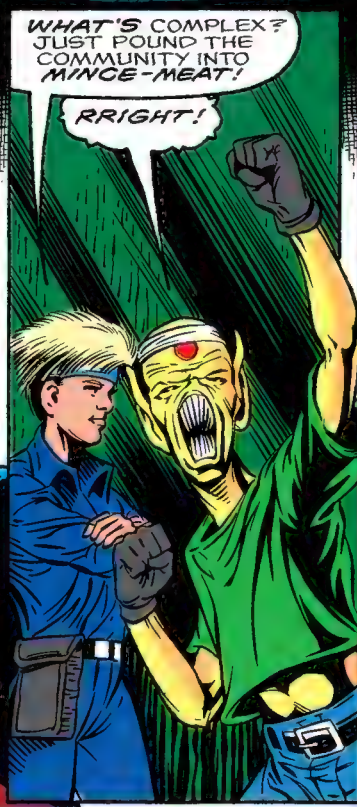
IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU ALL.

NOW WHAT IS IT YOU NEED OF US?



WELL, IT'S MY INTENTION TO **END** THIS DOMINION THREAT AGAINST HUMANITY ONCE AND FOR ALL.

BUT THE PROBLEM IS TOO COMPLEX TO HANDLE ON MY OWN.



WHAT'S COMPLEX? JUST POUND THE COMMUNITY INTO MINCE-MEAT!

RRRIGHT!



OKAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MAYBE **THOUSANDS** OF HUMANS IN THOSE **MUTATION** CAMPS? THE COMMUNITY WOULD **EXTERMINATE** THEM.





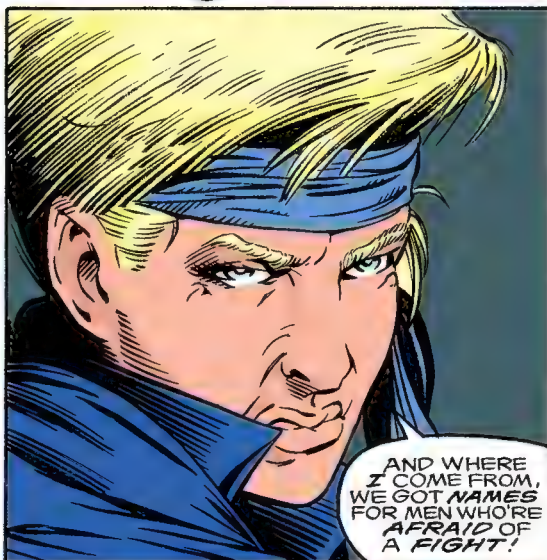
YOU ARE  
QUITE  
CORRECT,  
VALOR. BUT  
WHAT IS THE  
ALTERNATIVE?

KNOWLEDGE!  
WE INFILTRATE  
THE COMMUNITY'S  
POWER STRUCTURE.  
WE USE IT TO END THE  
INVASION THREAT  
AND FREE THE  
HUMANS.

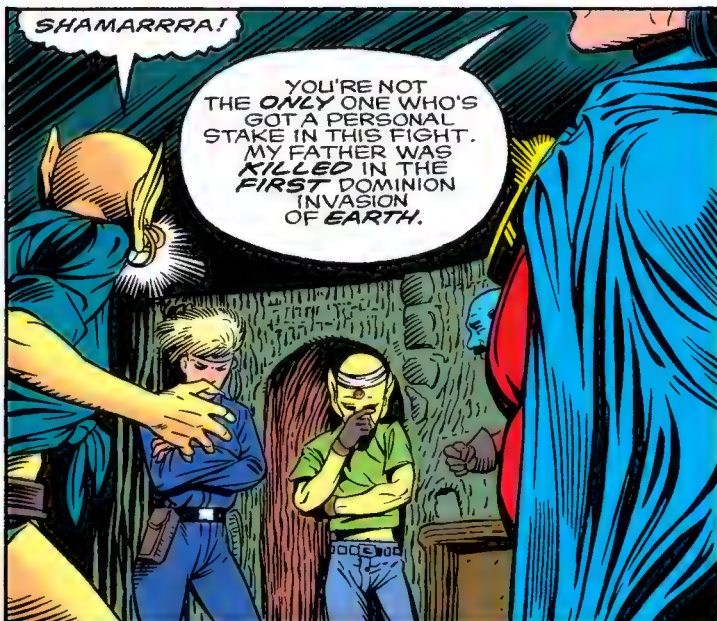
MAYBE  
THAT WAY  
WE CAN KEEP THE  
BLOODSHED  
TO A  
MINIMUM.



OH COME ON, VALOR.  
MY FRIENDS ARE  
STILL BEING  
MUTILATED AND  
TORTURED BY  
THOSE BASTARDS.  
I DON'T WANT TO  
KEEP THE  
BLOODSHED TO  
A MINIMUM.



AND WHERE  
I COME FROM,  
WE GOT NAMES  
FOR MEN WHO'RE  
AFRAID OF  
A FIGHT!



SHAMARRRA!

YOU'RE NOT  
THE ONLY ONE WHO'S  
GOT A PERSONAL  
STAKE IN THIS FIGHT.  
MY FATHER WAS  
KILLED IN THE  
FIRST DOMINION  
INVASION  
OF EARTH.



BUT THIS FIGHT IS  
BIGGER THAN OUR  
PERSONAL VENDETTAS.

AND I WON'T ALLOW  
ANYONE TO JEOPARDIZE  
IT BY INFECTING OUR  
SIDE WITH THE HATREDS  
AND BRUTALITY  
OF OUR ENEMY.





...AND SO THE SUB-DOMINA AGREED TO FOLLOW VALOR.

HSH...THIS VALOR DENIES THE BLOOD EMOTIONS!... HSH... HE IS A WEAK WARRIOR.



BUT THERE CAN BE GREAT POWER IN THE MIND AS WELL!

HSH... WHERE THE DEMONS RESIDE!

STILL WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR ENEMIES-- STUDY HOW THEY MANIPULATE THEIR DEMONIC WEAPONS...



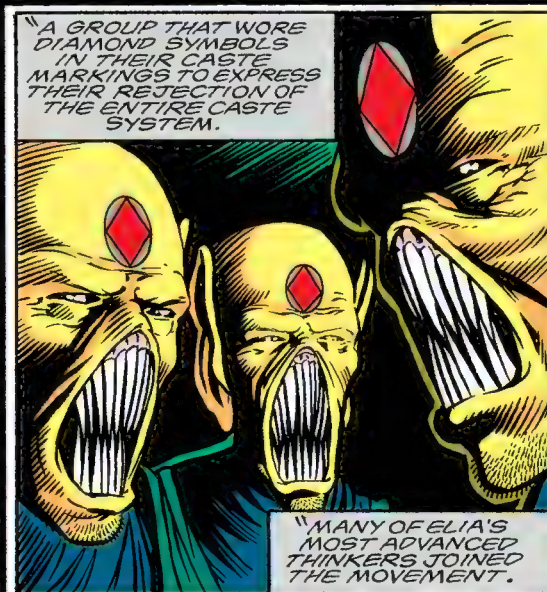
PLEASE CONTINUE...

VALOR HAD POSTULATED THE EXISTENCE OF A DISSENTING CLASS OF INTELLECTUALS AND SCIENTISTS...



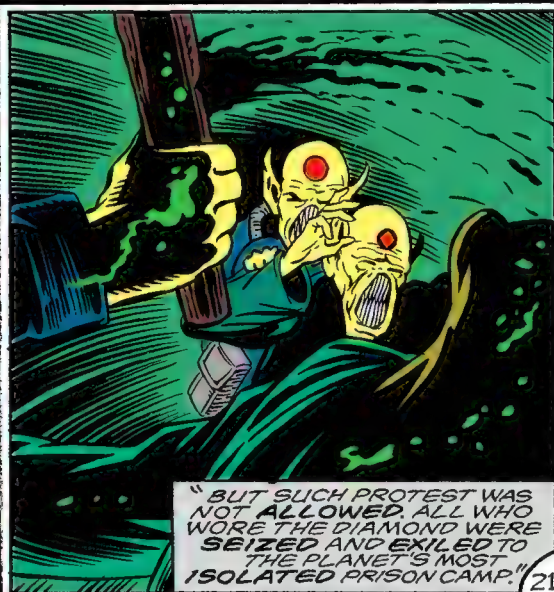
"AND INDEED SUCH A CLASS EXISTED.

"THE DIAMOND CASTE.



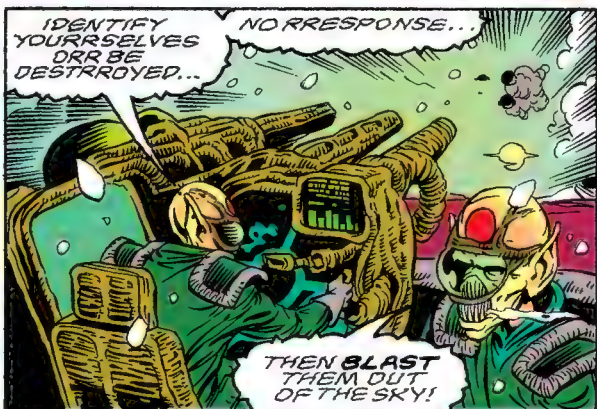
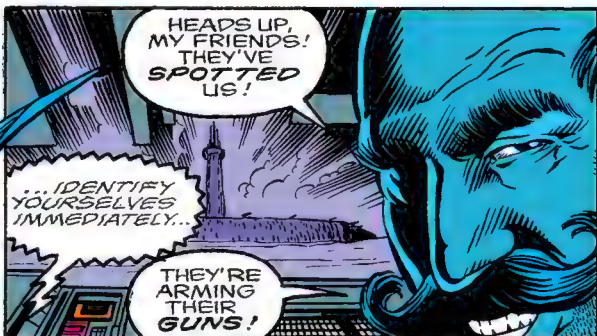
"A GROUP THAT WORE DIAMOND SYMBOLS IN THEIR CASTE MARKINGS TO EXPRESS THEIR REJECTION OF THE ENTIRE CASTE SYSTEM.

"MANY OF ELIA'S MOST ADVANCED THINKERS JOINED THE MOVEMENT.

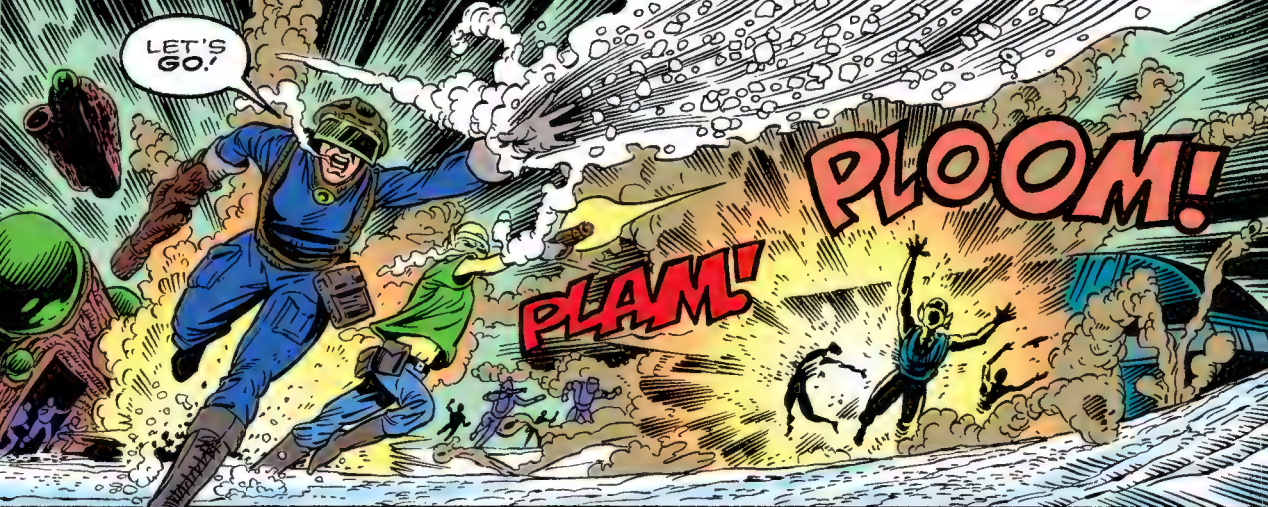


"BUT SUCH PROTEST WAS NOT ALLOWED. ALL WHO WORE THE DIAMOND WERE SEIZED AND EXILED TO THE PLANET'S MOST ISOLATED PRISON CAMP."

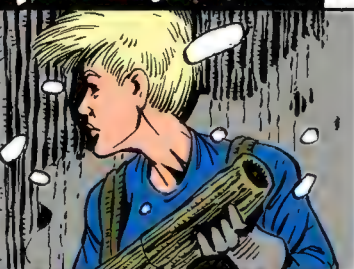
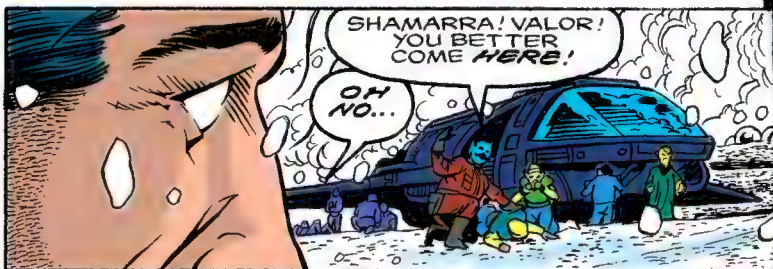
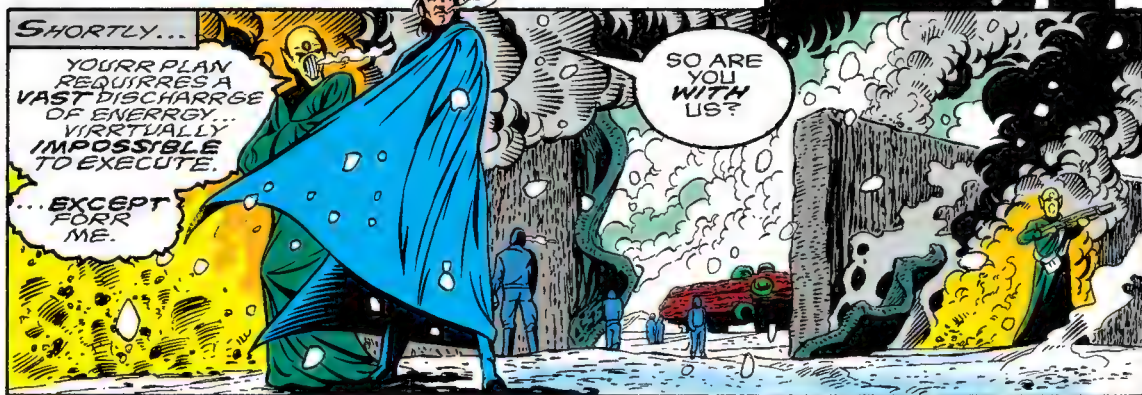




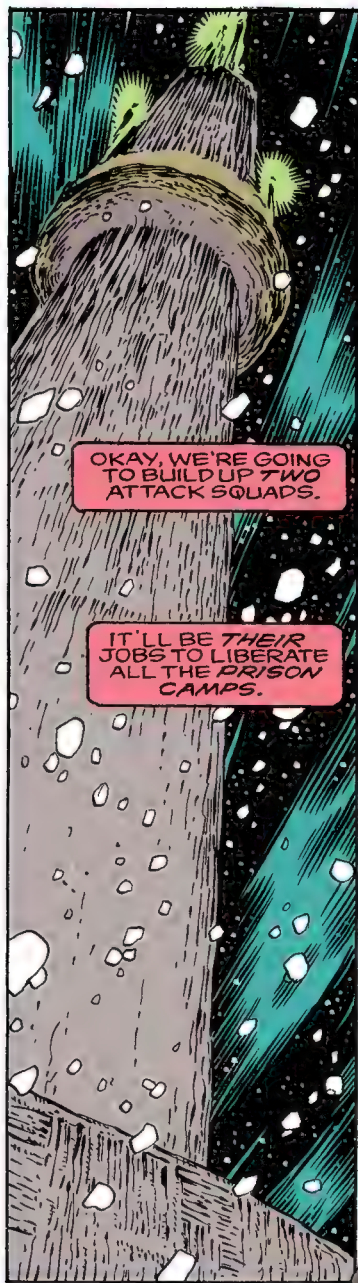












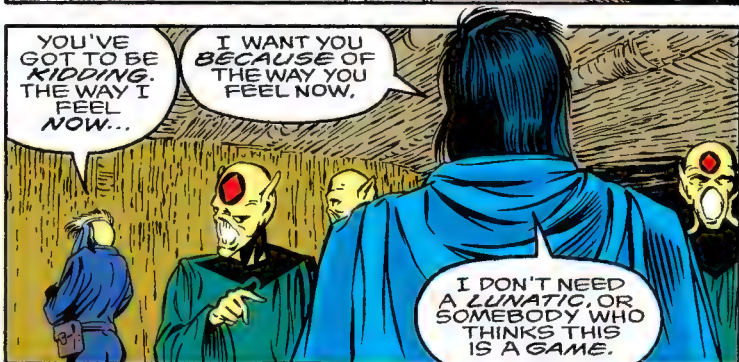
OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO BUILD UP TWO ATTACK SQUADS.

IT'LL BE *THEIR* JOBS TO LIBERATE ALL THE *PRISON* CAMPS.



097, I WANT YOU TO LEAD ONE SQUAD...

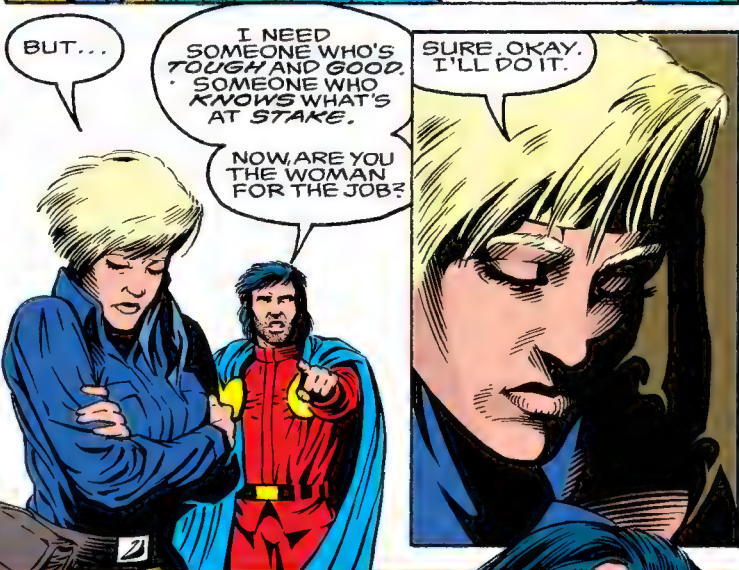
AND SHAMARRA, I THINK YOU'RE READY TO HEAD THE OTHER.



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING. THE WAY I FEEL NOW...

I WANT YOU *BECAUSE* OF THE WAY YOU FEEL NOW.

I DON'T NEED A *LUNATIC*, OR SOMEBODY WHO THINKS THIS IS A GAME.



BUT...

I NEED SOMEONE WHO'S TOUGH AND GOOD. SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT'S AT STAKE.

NOW ARE YOU THE WOMAN FOR THE JOB?

SURE, OKAY. I'LL DO IT.



GOOD, NOW I'M GOING TO BE ASSISTING ON ALL THE RAIDS.

BUT WHILE THE SQUADS PLOT STRATEGY, I'M GOING TO BE HUDDLING WITH 556 AND HIS TEAM.

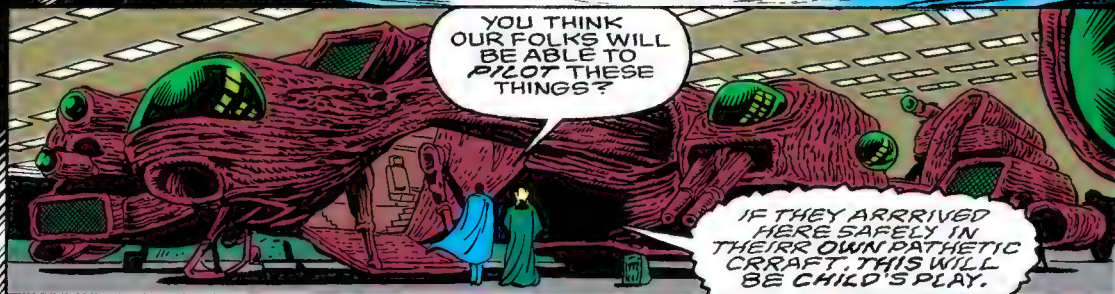


THEY'RE GOING TO HELP ME FIGURE OUT HOW TO SAVE THOSE HUMANS IN THE MUTATION TANKS.





YES,  
THIS SHOULD  
BE A MAJOR  
IMPROVEMENT  
OVER OUR  
CURRENT  
FLEET.



YOU THINK  
OUR FOLKS WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
PILOT THESE  
THINGS?

IF THEY ARRIVED  
HERE SAFELY IN  
THEIR OWN PATHETIC  
CRAFT, THIS WILL  
BE CHILD'S PLAY.



YOU KNOW,  
I MUST WARN  
YOU, THOUGH--  
WE'RE PLAYING  
HERE FOR THE  
HIGHEST  
STAKES.

THE RULING  
CASTE TENDS TO  
EXTERMINATE  
A POPULATION  
BEFORE GIVING  
UP CONTROL  
OF IT.



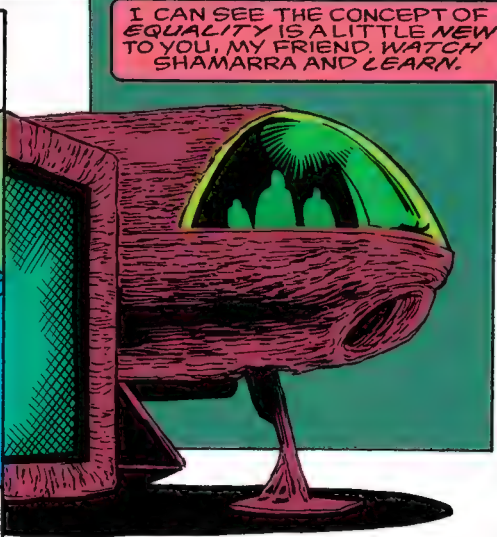
I UNDERSTAND  
THE STAKES...

WELL, THEN, IF I MAY...  
WHY THE EFFORT  
OF HUMORING THE  
FEMALE BY  
PRETENDING TO  
GIVE HER  
AUTHORITY?



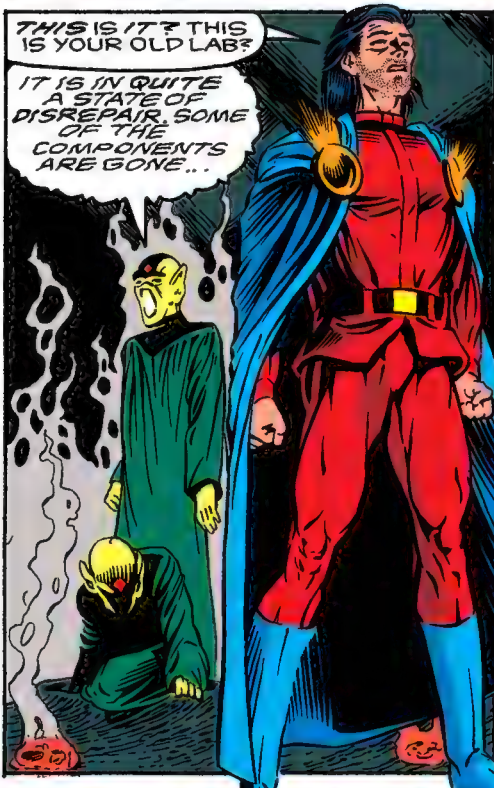
PRETEN-- LISTEN, 097,  
THERE'S A FEMALE DOMINATOR  
WHO GAVE HER LIFE TO FREE  
YOU. SHE RAN THE ENTIRE  
SUB-DOMINA.

ONE OF OUR  
FEMALES?  
IMPOSSIBLE!



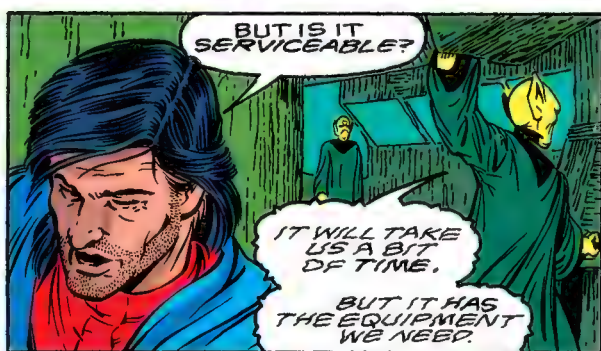
I CAN SEE THE CONCEPT OF  
EQUALITY IS A LITTLE NEW  
TO YOU, MY FRIEND. WATCH  
SHAMARRA AND LEARN.





THIS IS IT? THIS IS YOUR OLD LAB?

IT IS IN QUITE A STATE OF DISREPAIR. SOME OF THE COMPONENTS ARE GONE...



BUT IS IT SERVICEABLE?

IT WILL TAKE US A BIT OF TIME.

BUT IT HAS THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED.



THEY LEFT YOUR KEY EQUIPMENT BEHIND?

NOT A SURRRPRISE. MY FRRIEND.



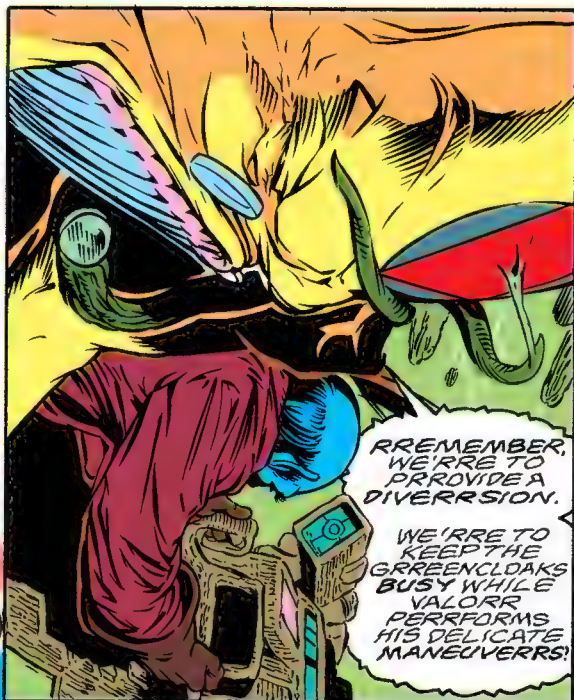
IN THE COMMUNITY, OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND THE SCIENCES ARE VIEWED AS THE BURDEN OF THE LOWERR CASTES.

THE UPPER CASTES PRIDE THEMSELVES ON NOT KNOWING WHAT THIS EQUIPMENT DOES.

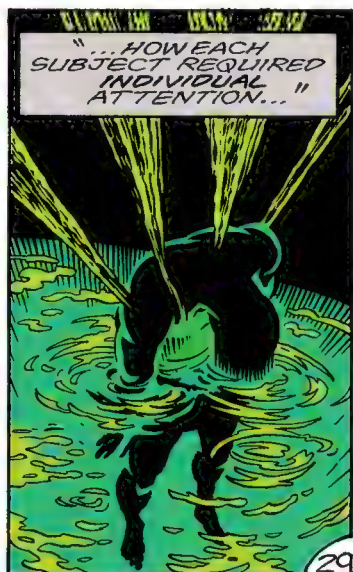


WELL, THERE'S AN ADVANTAGE WE CAN USE.











...SO THAT THE LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEMS COULD BE DELICATELY REMOVED AND THE NECESSARY HEALING DEVICES APPLIED...

COUGH  
GASP  
COUGH

quish-quish

quisha  
quisha

YOU'LL BE FINE...  
NOW, THIS NEXT  
ONE LOOKS...

"NOT ALL OF  
THE SUBJECTS,  
HOWEVER,  
COULD BE  
RETURNED  
TO DRY LIFE..."

SUBJECTS' CONDITION  
TERMINAL.  
CHANCE OF SURVIVAL WITHOUT  
LIFE SUPPORT... NONE

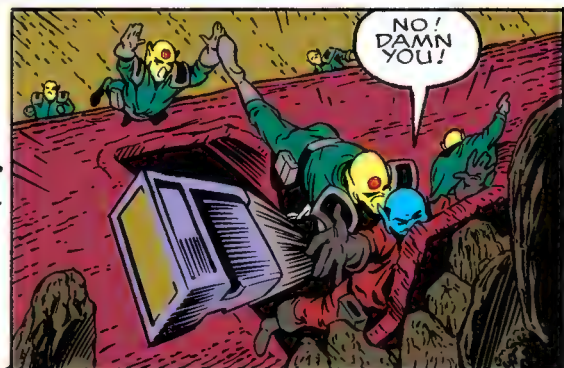
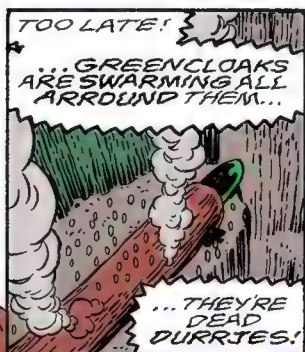
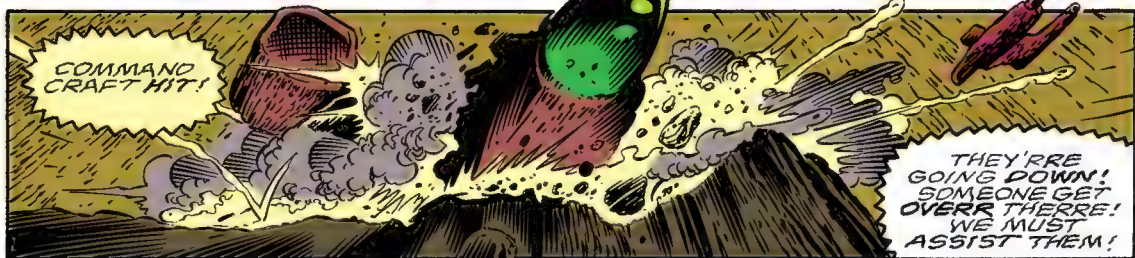
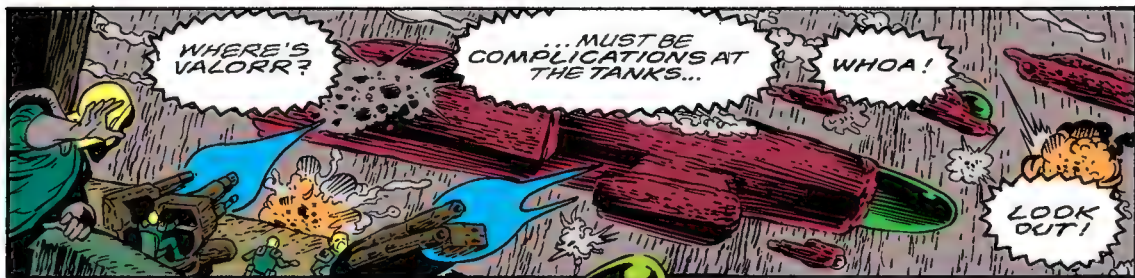
"...THEIR NATURAL LIVES  
ENDED, THESE  
SUBJECTS COULD  
EXPECT ONLY FURTHER  
EXPLOITATION BY  
THE DOMINATORS."

"556 HAD  
INSTRUCTED  
VALOR TO  
TERMINATE  
ANY SUBJECT  
IN SUCH A  
HOPELESS  
CONDITION."

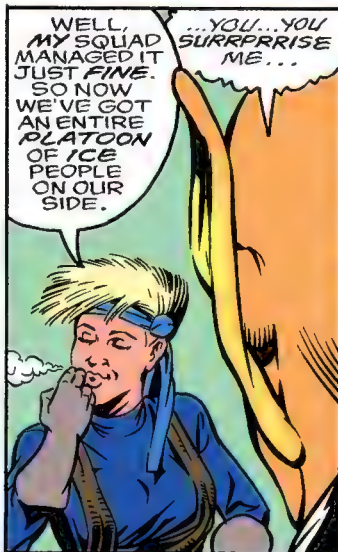


I CAN'T DO IT.  
FORGIVE ME, BUT  
I CAN'T DO IT.












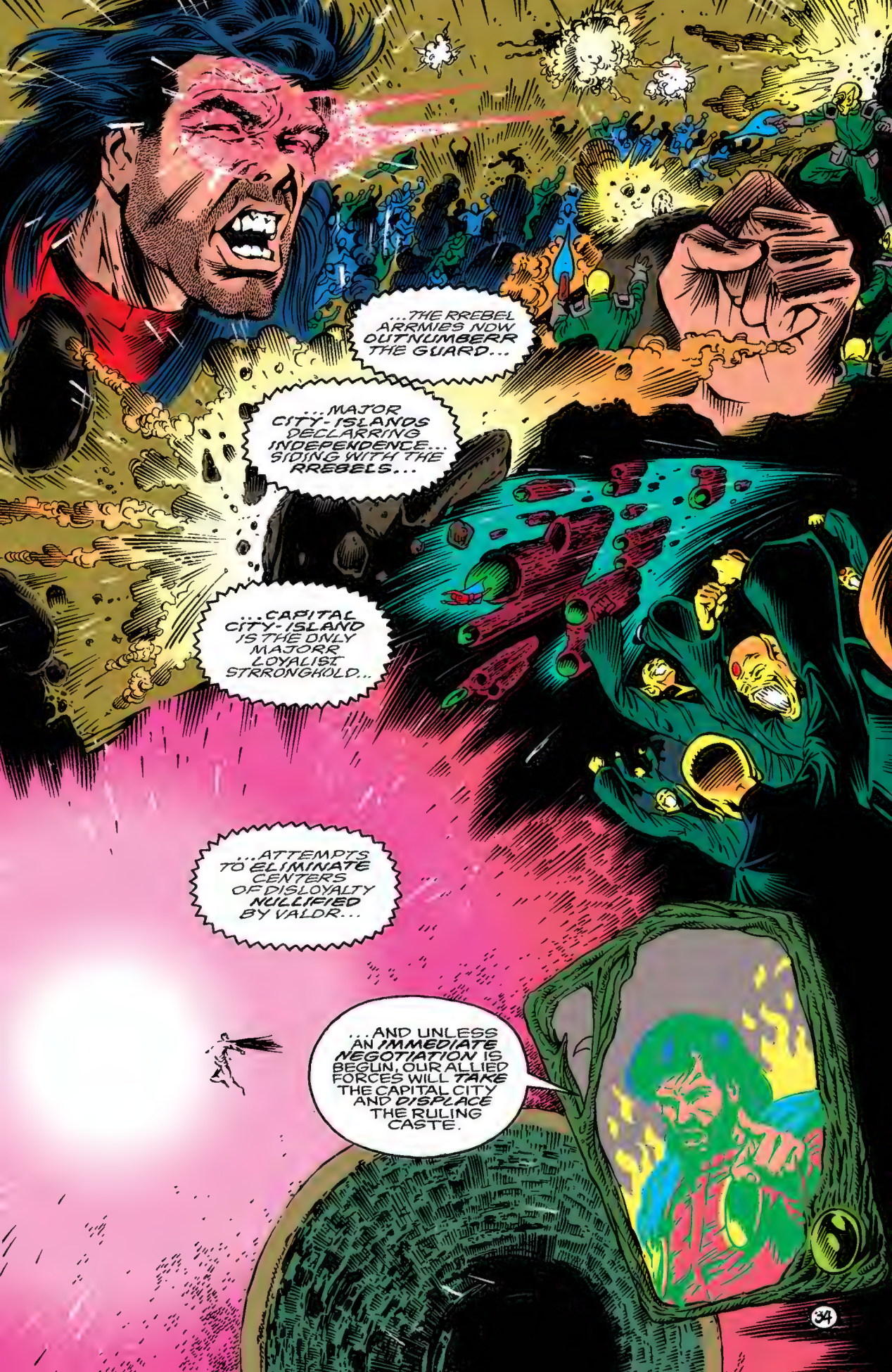


...THE POWERS OF  
VALORR... COMBINED  
WITH THOSE OF  
THE LIBERATED  
EXPERIMENT  
SUBJECTS... ARE  
FORMIDABLE...

...THEY GAIN  
MOMENTUM...

...THE POPULATION...  
THE LOWER AND MIDDLE  
CASTES... ARE SHOWING  
INCREASING SYMPATHY...  
RALLYING TO THE  
REBEL CAUSE...





...THE REBEL  
ARMIES NOW  
OUTNUMBER  
THE GUARD...

...MAJOR  
CITY-ISLAND  
DECLARING  
INDEPENDENCE...  
SIDING WITH THE  
REBELS...

...CAPITAL  
CITY-ISLAND  
IS THE ONLY  
MAJOR  
LOYALIST  
STRONGHOLD...

...ATTEMPTS  
TO ELIMINATE  
CENTERS  
OF DISLOYALTY  
NULLIFIED  
BY VALDR...

...AND UNLESS  
AN IMMEDIATE  
NEGOTIATION IS  
BEGUN, OUR ALLIED  
FORCES WILL TAKE  
THE CAPITAL CITY  
AND DISPLACE  
THE RULING  
CASTE.



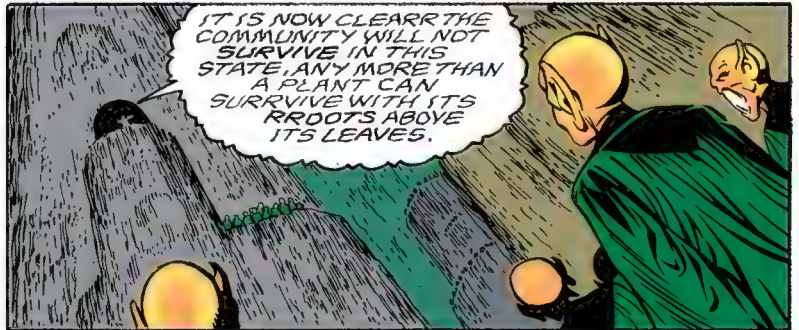


THE ONES!  
THEY EMERGE  
FROM  
THE UPPER  
SANCTUM!

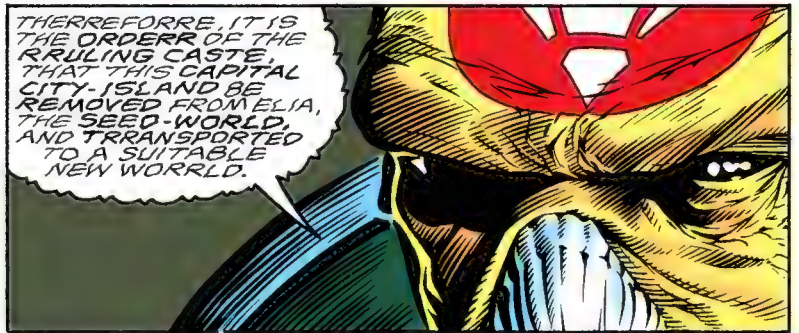
THEIR  
DECISION AT  
LAST ...



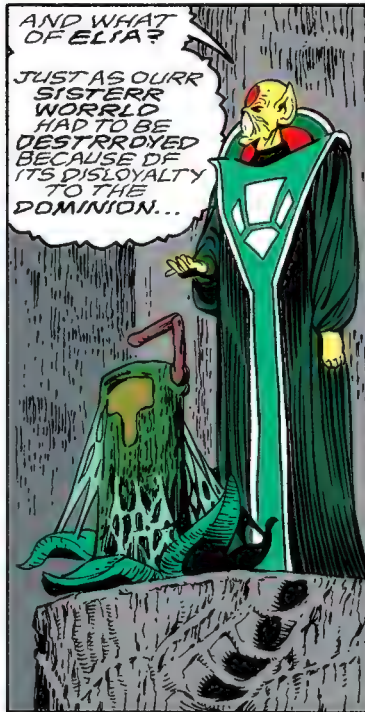
MY FAMILY...  
  
THIS  
COMMUNITY  
HAS BEEN  
INVADED  
BY A  
DISEASE.  
  
THE DEADLY  
DISEASE OF  
DISLOYALTY.



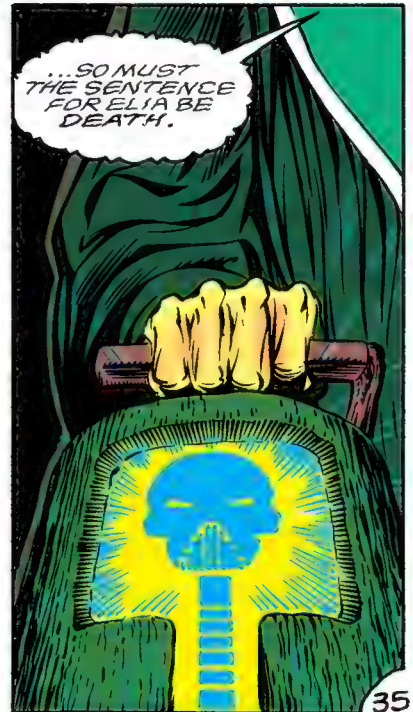
IT IS NOW CLEAR THE  
COMMUNITY WILL NOT  
SURVIVE IN THIS  
STATE, ANY MORE THAN  
A PLANT CAN  
SURVIVE WITH ITS  
ROOTS ABOVE  
ITS LEAVES.



THEREFORE, IT IS  
THE ORDER OF THE  
RULING CASTE,  
THAT THIS CAPITAL  
CITY-ISLAND BE  
REMOVED FROM ELIA,  
THE SEED-WORLD,  
AND TRANSPORTED  
TO A SUITABLE  
NEW WORLD.



AND WHAT  
OF ELIA?  
  
JUST AS OUR  
SISTER  
WORLD  
HAD TO BE  
DESTROYED  
BECAUSE OF  
ITS DISLOYALTY  
TO THE  
DOMINION...

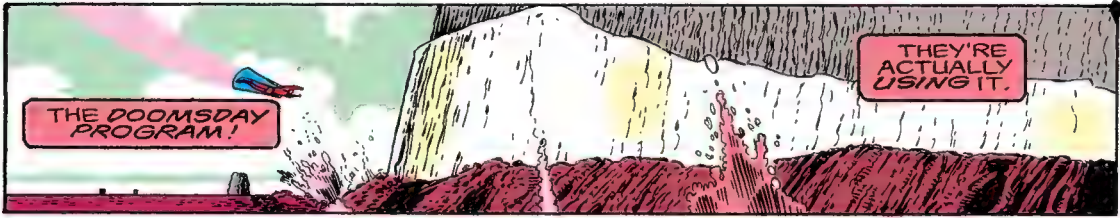


...SO MUST  
THE SENTENCE  
FOR ELIA BE  
DEATH.



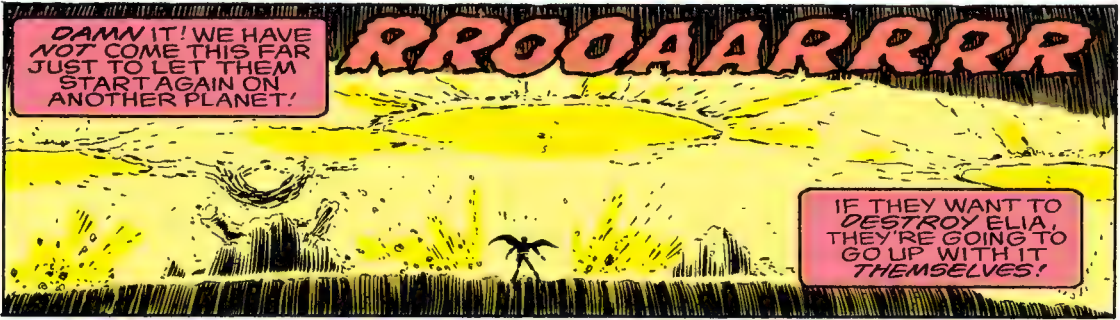


MY GOD.



THE DOOMSDAY PROGRAM!

THEY'RE ACTUALLY USING IT.



DAMN IT! WE HAVE NOT COME THIS FAR JUST TO LET THEM START AGAIN ON ANOTHER PLANET!

RRROOARRRR

IF THEY WANT TO DESTROY ELIA, THEY'RE GOING TO GO UP WITH IT THEMSELVES!



...INTERFERENCE...  
...THE INVADERS IS INTERVENING...



...POWER STRAIN UNANTICIPATED...

...ACTIVATE DEFENSIVE PROGRAM...

"THEY ARE NOT GETTING OFF THIS PLANET..."



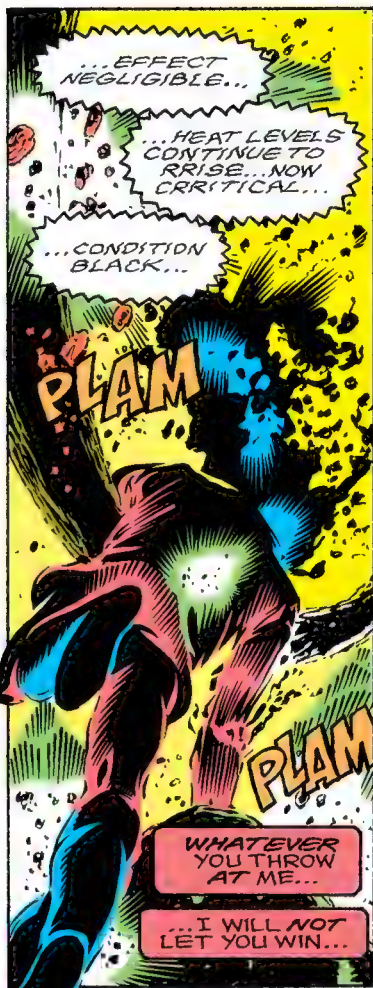
THOOM

...ACTIVATED...

PLAM  
PLAM  
PLAM

GO AHEAD!  
HIT ME WITH...  
EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!





...EFFECT  
NEGLEGIBLE...

...HEAT LEVELS  
CONTINUE TO  
RRISE...NOW  
CRITICAL...

...CONDITON  
BLACK...

WHATEVER  
YOU THROW  
AT ME...

...I WILL NOT  
LET YOU WIN...

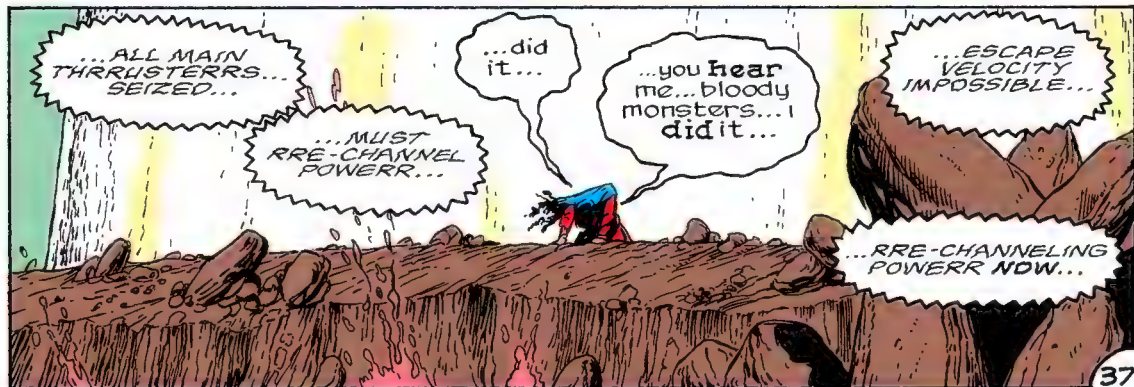
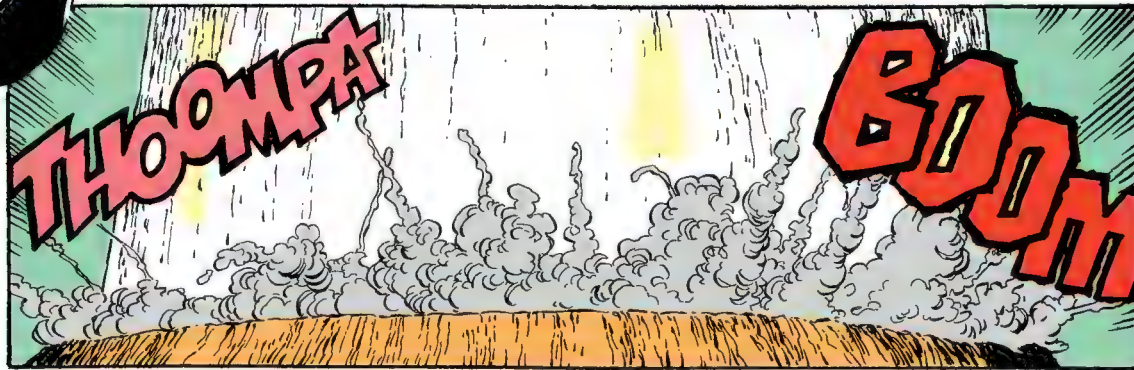


I WON'T...LET  
MY FIGHT...BE  
THE CAUSE...OF THIS...



OVERRLOAD...  
OVERRLOAD...

ARGH!



...ALL MAIN  
THRUSTERS...  
SEIZED...

...MUST  
RRE-CHANNEL  
POWERR...

...did  
it...

...you hear  
me...bloody  
monsters...I  
did it...

...ESCAPE  
VELOCITY  
IMPOSSIBLE...

...RRE-CHANNELING  
POWERR NDW...



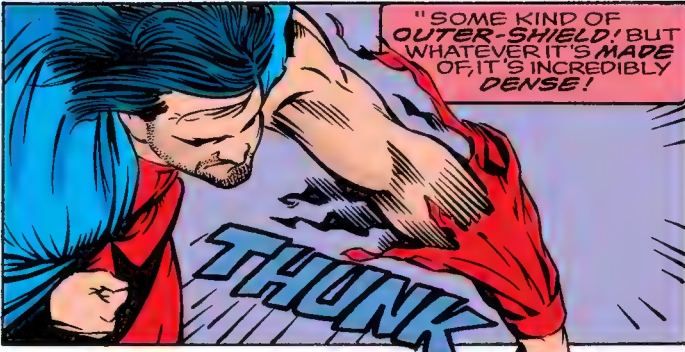


...ACTIVATING  
INVERTRON  
SHIELD...

WHA--?

...SHIELD  
MOVING  
INTO  
PLACE...

WHAT ARE  
YOU  
DOING?



"SOME KIND OF  
OUTER-SHIELD! BUT  
WHATEVER IT'S MADE  
OF, IT'S INCREDIBLY  
DENSE!"

THUNK



"I CAN... CAN  
BARELY DENT IT!"

THOOOP



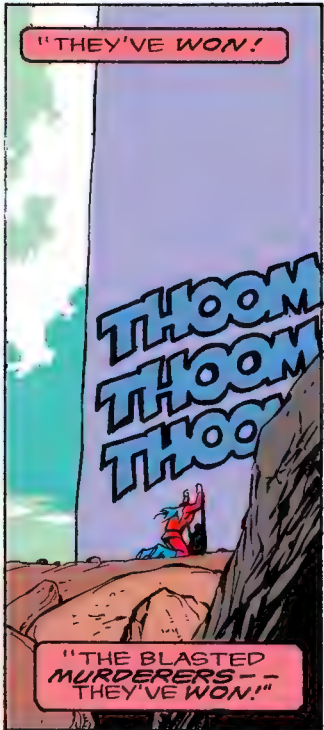
"BUT WHY WOULD  
THEY..."

"OH GOD! THEY'RE  
GOING TO SET OFF  
THE DOOMSDAY PROGRAM  
ANYWAY!"



"THEY'RE GOING TO LET  
THE ENTIRE PLANET GO  
UP AROUND THEM!"

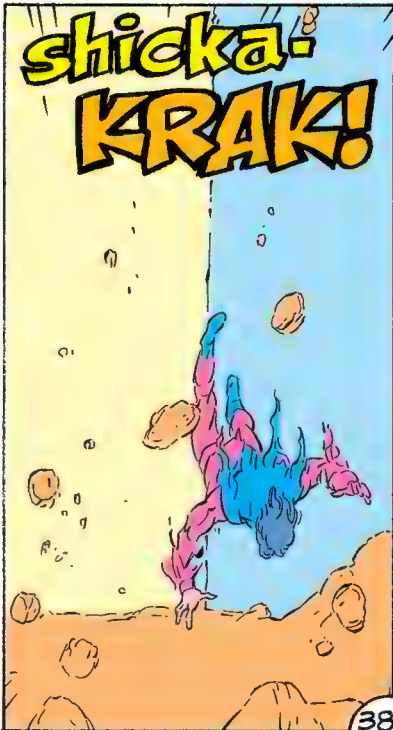
POOM!



"THEY'VE WON!"

THOOM  
THOOM  
THOOM

"THE BLASTED  
MURDERERS--  
THEY'VE WON!"

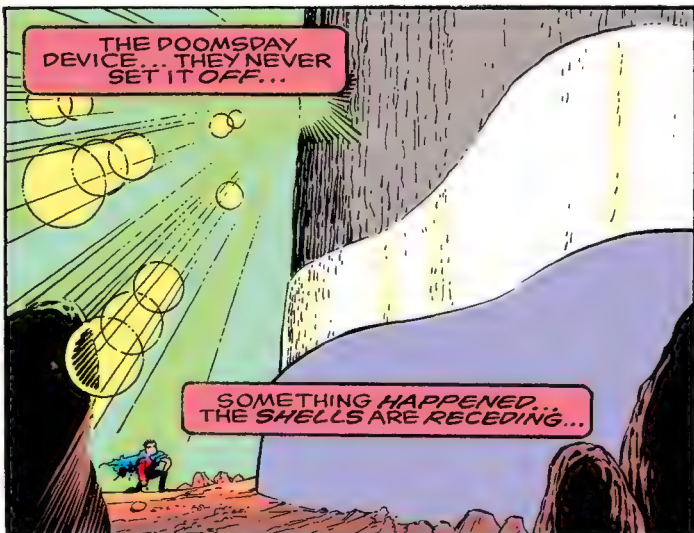


shicka-  
KRAK!





...what in the name of...



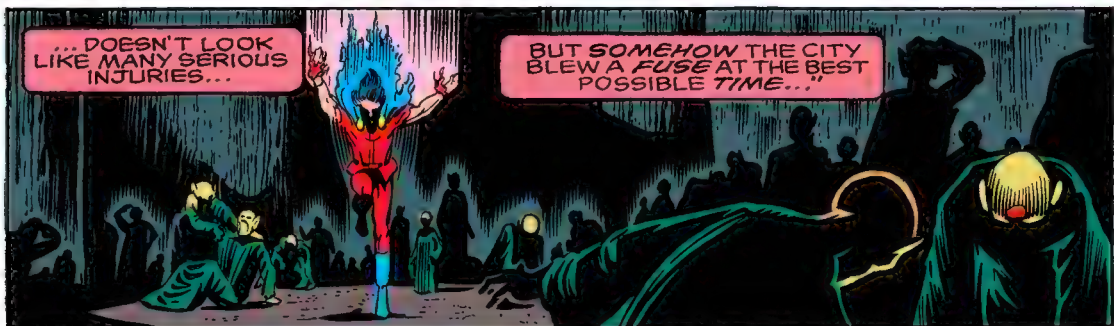
THE DOOMSDAY DEVICE... THEY NEVER SET IT OFF...

SOMETHING HAPPENED... THE SHELLS ARE RECEDING...



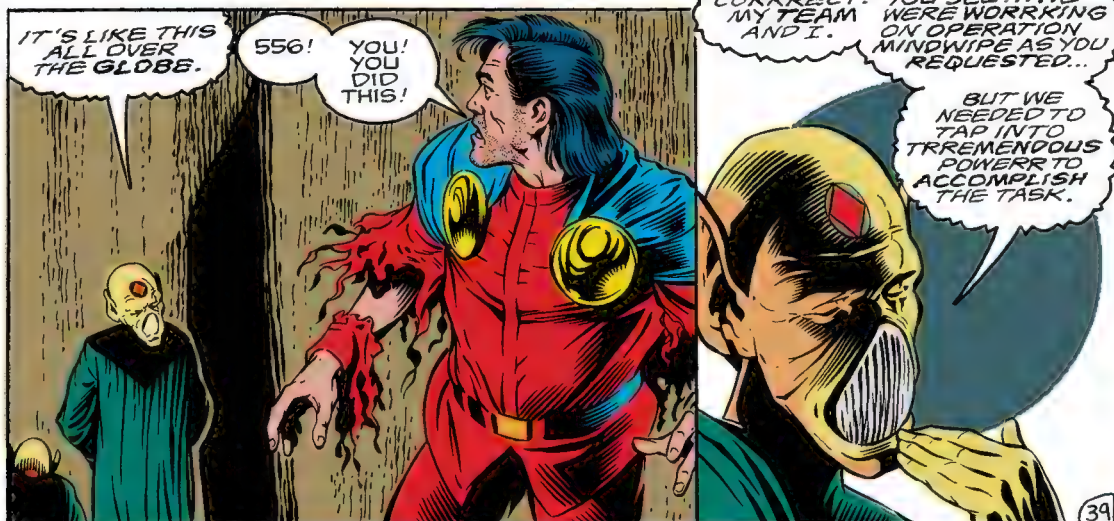
... THERE ISN'T ANY POWER...

THE CITY'S BEEN BLACKED OUT!



... DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MANY SERIOUS INJURIES...

BUT SOMEHOW THE CITY BLEW A FUSE AT THE BEST POSSIBLE TIME...



IT'S LIKE THIS ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

556!

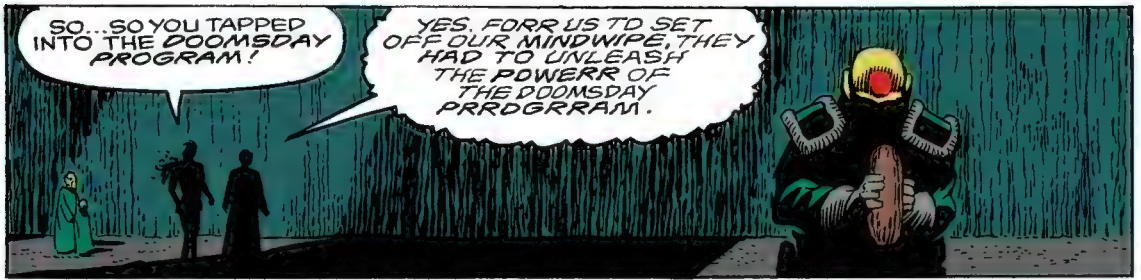
YOU! YOU DID THIS!

CORRECT. MY TEAM AND I.

YOU SEE... WE WERE WORKING ON OPERATION MINDWIPE AS YOU REQUESTED...

BUT WE NEEDED TO TAP INTO TREMENDOUS POWER TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK.





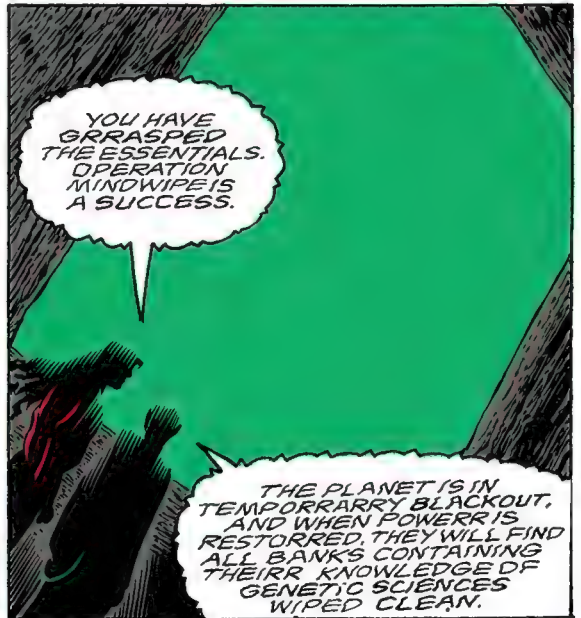
SO...SO YOU TAPPED INTO THE DOOMSDAY PROGRAM!

YES, FORR US TO SET OFF OUR MINDWIPE, THEY HAD TO UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE DOOMSDAY PRDGRAM.



WE THOUGHT THEY'D NEVERR GET ARROUND TO IT.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'BY ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THEIR PLANET, THEY SEALED THEIR FINAL DEFEAT.



YOU HAVE GRRASPED THE ESSENTIALS. OPERATION MINDWIPE IS A SUCCESS.

THE PLANET IS IN TEMPORRARRY BLACKOUT, AND WHEN POWER IS RESTORED, THEY WILL FIND ALL BANKS CONTAINING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GENETIC SCIENCES WIPE CLEAN.



THEY HAVE LOST THAT KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE USED SO IRRESPONSIBLY.

YOU DID IT. YOU HONESTLY DID IT.

I TOLD YOU I WOULD.



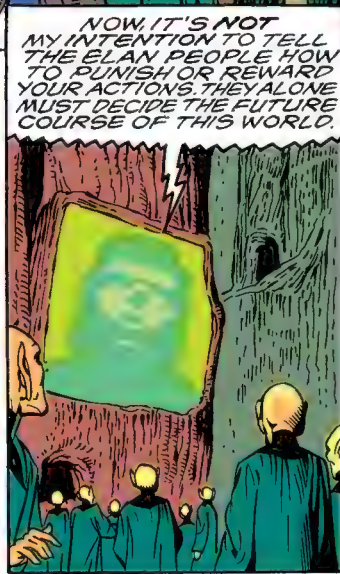
YEAH, BUT DEEP DOWN I GUESS I WAS AFRAID THERE WERE TOO MANY DEFENSES. THAT THE PLANET'S SYSTEM WAS TOO WELL GUARDED TO PULL THIS OFF.

WELL GUARDED IT WAS.

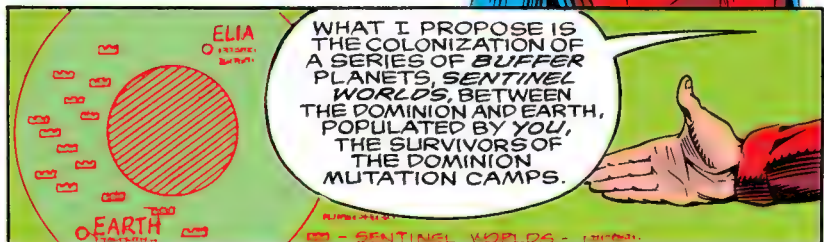
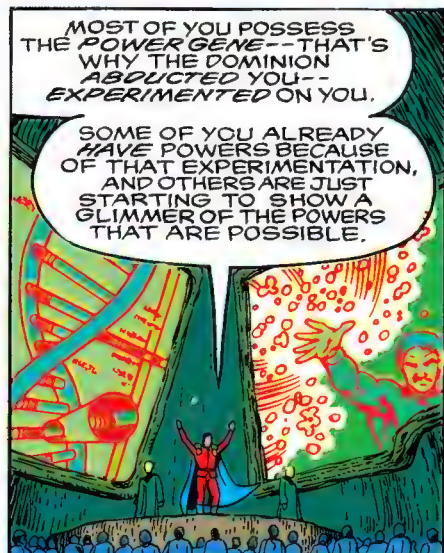


BECAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THE SAFEGUARDS.









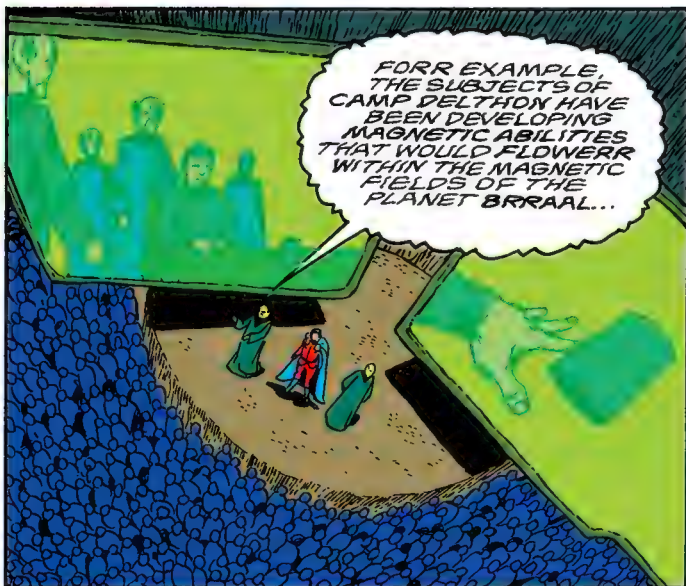


THE MEMBERS OF THE DIAMOND CASTE WILL LEAVE ELIA AND JOIN YOU ON THESE SENTINEL WORLDS-- TO MONITOR AND AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR POWERS.

IN TIME YOU WILL GROW INTO ENTIRE RRACES OF SPECIALLY POWERED BEINGS.



FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUBJECTS OF CAMP DELTHON HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING MAGNETIC ABILITIES THAT WOULD FLOWERR WITHIN THE MAGNETIC FIELDS OF THE PLANET BRRAAL...

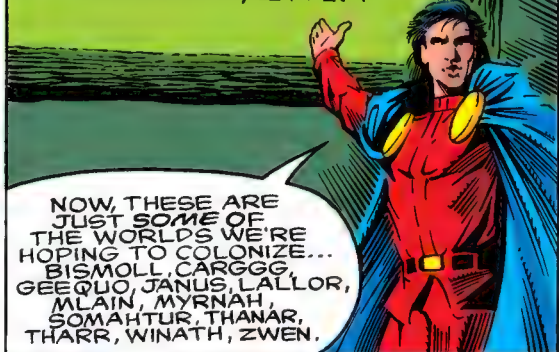


AS IN THAT CASE, SOME OF YOU HAVE POWERS PERFECTLY SUITED FOR CERTAIN WORLDS.

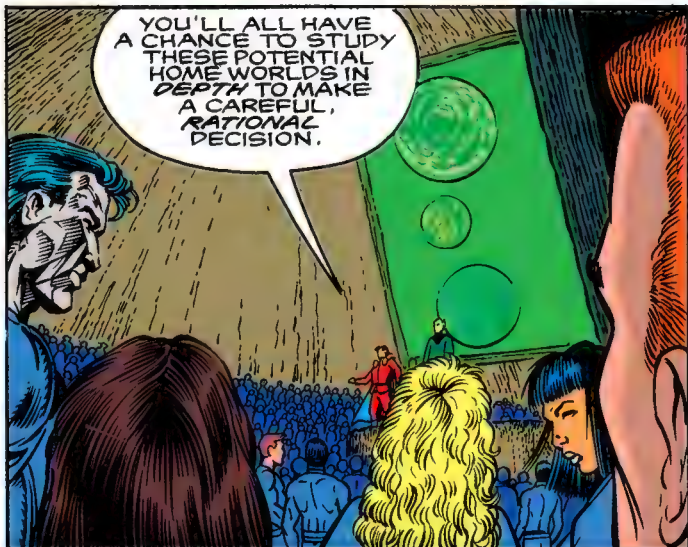
OTHERS WOULD SEE THE GENE DEVELOP AS A MEANS TO SURVIVE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PARTICULAR WORLD YOU HAVE SELECTED.

BISMOLL, CARGGG, GEEQUO, JANUS, LALLOR, MLAIN, MYRNAH, SOMAHTUR, THANAR, THARR, WINATH, ZWEN

NOW, THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WORLDS WE'RE HOPING TO COLONIZE... BISMOLL, CARGGG, GEEQUO, JANUS, LALLOR, MLAIN, MYRNAH, SOMAHTUR, THANAR, THARR, WINATH, ZWEN.

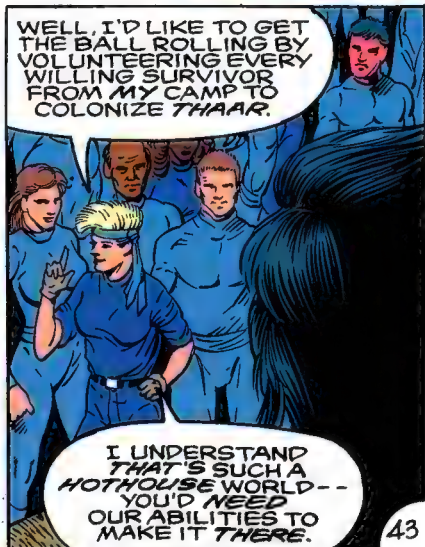


YOU'LL ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY THESE POTENTIAL HOME WORLDS IN DEPTH TO MAKE A CAREFUL, RATIONAL DECISION.

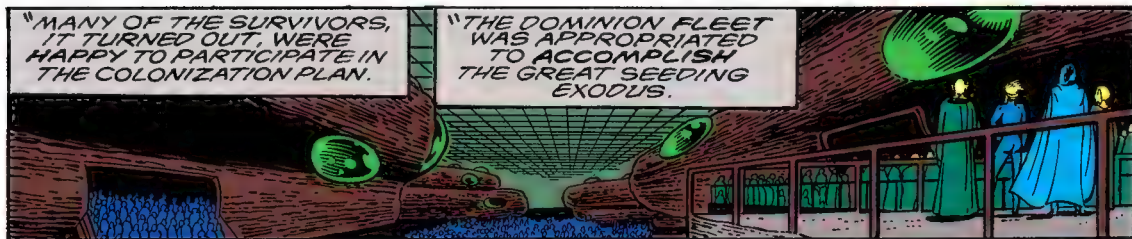


WELL, I'D LIKE TO GET THE BALL ROLLING BY VOLUNTEERING EVERY WILLING SURVIVOR FROM MY CAMP TO COLONIZE THARR.

I UNDERSTAND THAT'S SUCH A HOTHOUSE WORLD-- YOU'D NEED OUR ABILITIES TO MAKE IT THERE.

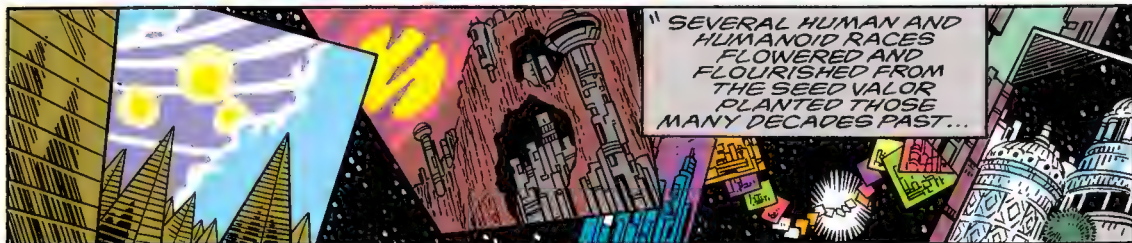




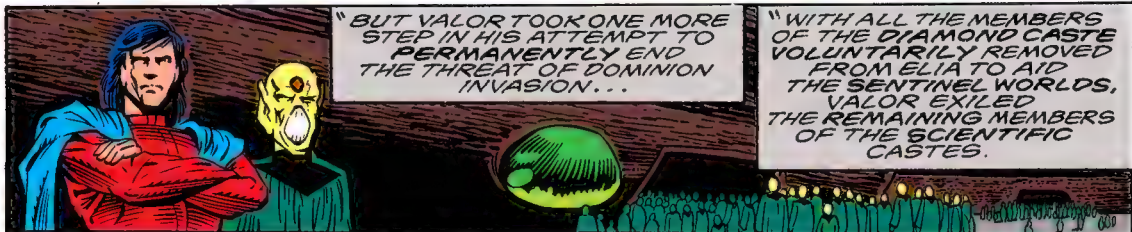


"MANY OF THE SURVIVORS, IT TURNED OUT, WERE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLONIZATION PLAN."

"THE DOMINION FLEET WAS APPROPRIATED TO ACCOMPLISH THE GREAT SEEDING EXODUS."

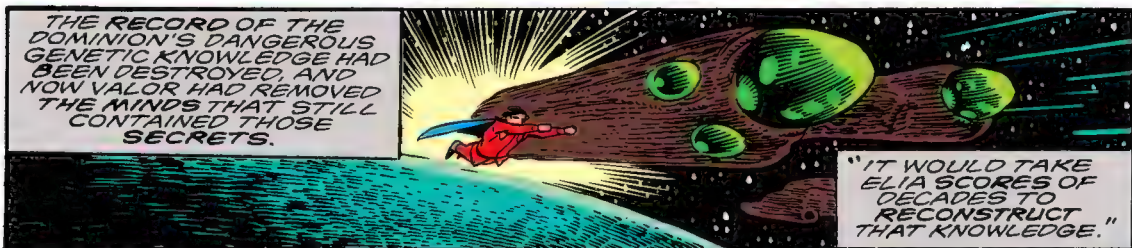


"SEVERAL HUMAN AND HUMANOID RACES FLOWERED AND FLOURISHED FROM THE SEED VALOR PLANTED THOSE MANY DECADES PAST..."



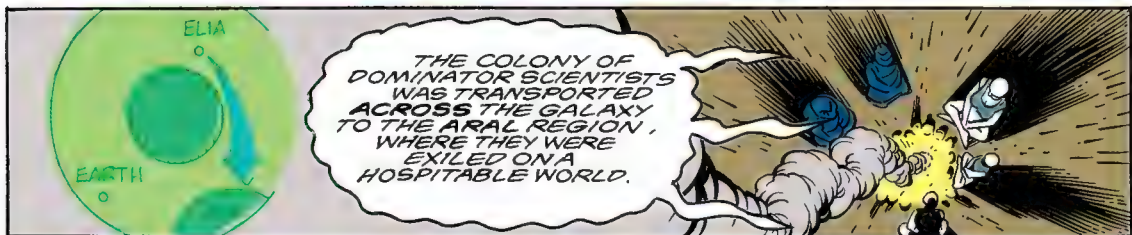
"BUT VALOR TOOK ONE MORE STEP IN HIS ATTEMPT TO PERMANENTLY END THE THREAT OF DOMINION INVASION..."

"WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE DIAMOND CASTLE VOLUNTARILY REMOVED FROM ELIA TO AID THE SENTINEL WORLDS, VALOR EXILED THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC CASTES."



THE RECORD OF THE DOMINION'S DANGEROUS GENETIC KNOWLEDGE HAD BEEN DESTROYED, AND NOW VALOR HAD REMOVED THE MINDS THAT STILL CONTAINED THOSE SECRETS.

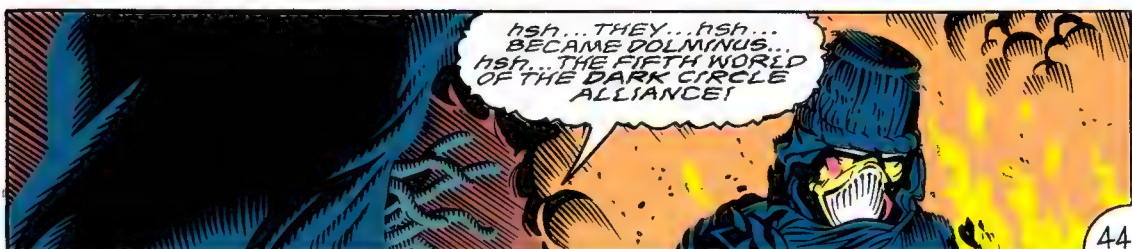
"IT WOULD TAKE ELIA SCORES OF DECADES TO RECONSTRUCT THAT KNOWLEDGE."



THE COLONY OF DOMINATOR SCIENTISTS WAS TRANSPORTED ACROSS THE GALAXY TO THE ARAL REGION, WHERE THEY WERE EXILED ON A HOSPITABLE WORLD.



hsh...THE ARAL REGION?...hsh...THEN VALOR UNWITTINGLY DEPOSITED THE DOMINATOR SCIENTISTS...hsh...WITHIN THE HEART OF THE DARK CIRCLE.



hsh...THEY...hsh...BECAME DOLMINUS...hsh...THE FIFTH WORLD OF THE DARK CIRCLE ALLIANCE!



THAT'S WHY THE DOLMINAE BROUGHT WITH THEM THEIR CLONING FOLLIES... AND THIS WARPED FASCINATION WITH THE DEMONIC LIGHT OF OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE...

...THE IRON GRID OF THE CASTE SYSTEM WAS INDEED WEAKENED ON ELIA...

THEY STARTED AS SCIENTISTS FROM A DARK CIRCLE, CONVERTED RACE LONG SINCE CORRUPTED BY THE LIGHT.

...FULL RIGIDITY OF THE CASTES WASN'T RESTORED UNTIL THE REGRESSIONS OF THE 28TH CENTURY WARS.



...BUT VALOR HIMSELF WITNESSED LITTLE OF ELIA'S EVOLUTION.

AFTER A BRIEF POST-WAR PERIOD, DURING WHICH HE'D BEEN VISITED AND HONORED BY THE 30TH CENTURY LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES...

THE COURSE OF VALOR'S LIFE TOOK AN ASTONISHING TURN...

IT STARTED WHEN HE CHALLENGED THE ARMIES OF THE RENEGADE GRYKK EMPEROR GENNESARET...

WARRIORS FROM THE PAST...

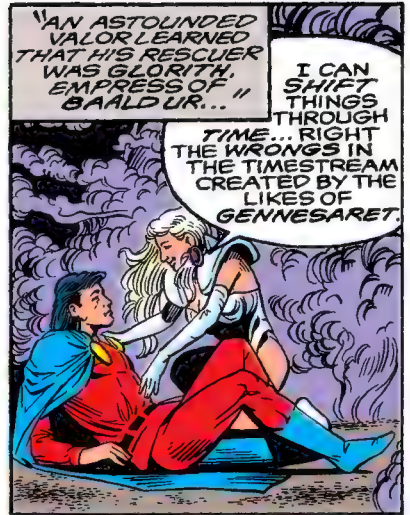
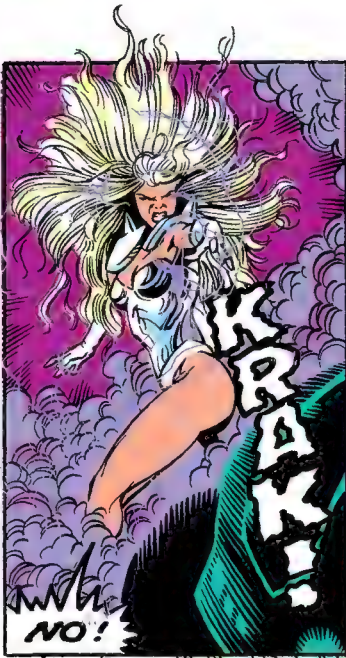
THEIR WEAPONS! STRANGE TECHNOLOGY... HAMMERING ME!

THE GREAT VALOR! FINISHED!

AND THE FUTURE!

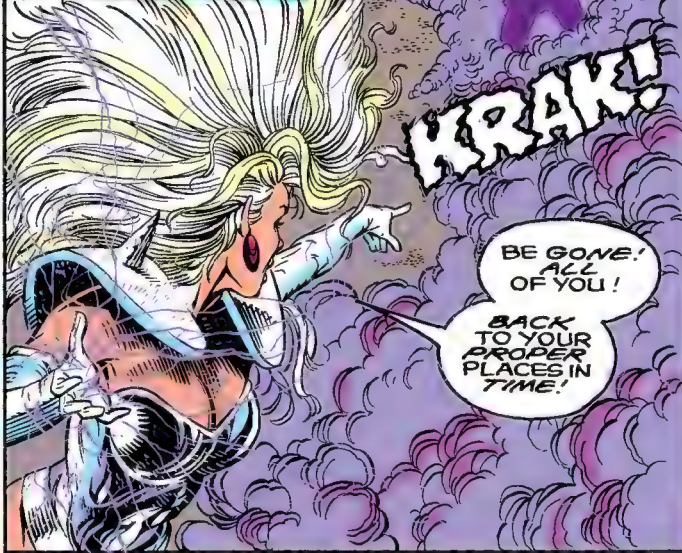
UHHN!





"AN ASTOUNDED VALOR LEARNED THAT HIS RESCUER WAS GLORITH, EMPRESS OF BAALDUR..."

I CAN SHIFT THINGS THROUGH TIME... RIGHT THE WRONGS IN THE TIMESTREAM CREATED BY THE LIKES OF GENNESARET.



BE GONE!  
ALL OF YOU!  
BACK TO YOUR PROPER PLACES IN TIME!



FROM THE FUTURE? B-BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?

BECAUSE YOU... THAT IS, I...

I...



VALOR WAS ENTRANCED. A BEAUTIFUL, HEROIC WOMAN OF GREAT POWER AND ACCOMPLISHMENT...

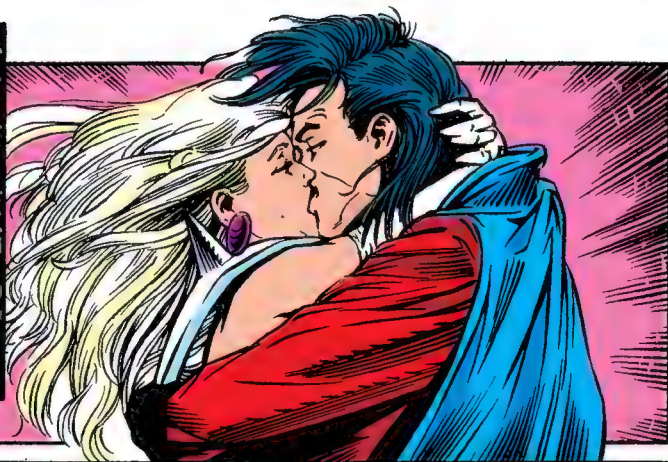
COME WITH ME TO MY CENTURY, VALOR!



LOOK AT THE GLORIES THAT CAN BE OURS...



I-I'VE ALWAYS  
DREAMED OF  
EXPLORING THE FAR  
REACHES OF  
THE UNIVERSE...



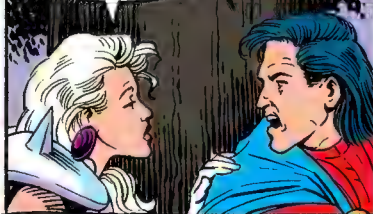
VALOR, MY SWEET,  
WE NEEDN'T MERELY  
EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE.

WE'LL **RULE**  
IT, TOGETHER.



**RULE** IS THAT WHAT  
IT? THIS IS ABOUT?

DON'T BE  
**UPSET**...



LISTEN, THAT'S **NOT** WHAT  
MY POWERS ARE **FOR**. THAT'S  
NOT WHAT VALOR STANDS FOR.

VALOR CAN  
STAND FOR  
**ANYTHING**.



LISTEN TO ME,  
GLORITH! UNDERSTAND  
WHO I AM!

UNDERSTAND---?  
I MADE YOU!  
IT WAS MY HAND  
THAT GUIDED  
YOU TO ELIA!

WITHOUT ME, SOMEONE  
ELSE WOULD'VE LED  
THE WAR ON THE DOMINION---  
SEEDS THE SENTINEL  
WORLDS...

I HAVE  
CREATED  
THE LEGEND  
OF VALOR.



YOU'RE  
**MINE**!

I DIDN'T  
ASK FOR  
YOUR  
LEGEND.

I DON'T  
**WANT**  
YOUR  
LEGEND.

WHAT YOU  
WANT IS  
NO LONGER  
THE ISSUE!

I REQUIRE  
A **CONSORT**!  
I HAVE  
CHOSEN YOU!





NOW WILL YOU  
COME TO  
MY CENTURY  
THE **EASY** WAY  
OR THE **HARD**  
WAY?

IT LOOKS  
LIKE I'M  
CHOOSING  
THE **HARD**  
WAY.

VERY  
WELL,  
MY SWEET  
FOOL...

I'LL SEE YOU  
IN A THOUSAND  
YEARS!

HUH? WHAT  
ARE YOU--

--DOING?!

"...BEGINNING NEARLY  
100 DECADES OF TORTUROUS  
ISOLATION IN AN  
EXISTENCE WHERE VALOR  
HAD NO SUBSTANCE,  
NO REALITY.

"AN EXISTENCE  
WHERE HE COULD  
NEVER DIE BECAUSE  
HE WAS NOT  
TRULY ALIVE..."

MY MIND...  
BEING BATTERED...  
FLOODED BY  
SENSATIONS...

"THE SCORPED GLORITH  
BANISHED VALOR INTO  
THE BUFFER ZONE  
THAT SEPARATES  
OUR REALITY FROM  
THE SO-CALLED BGZTL  
DIMENSION.

"WHAT IS THIS...?  
THIS VOID?"

GOT TO FOCUS...  
CONCENTRATE...  
OVERCOME  
THE FLOOD...

...OVERCOME...  
OVERCOME...

"...CONCENTRATE..."



"DECADE UPON DECADE  
PASSED UNTIL FINALLY  
VALOR WAS ABLE TO SHIELD  
OUT THE MADDENING DIN  
OF THE ZONE...

'...CONCENTRATE  
ON THE GOOD  
I KNEW...

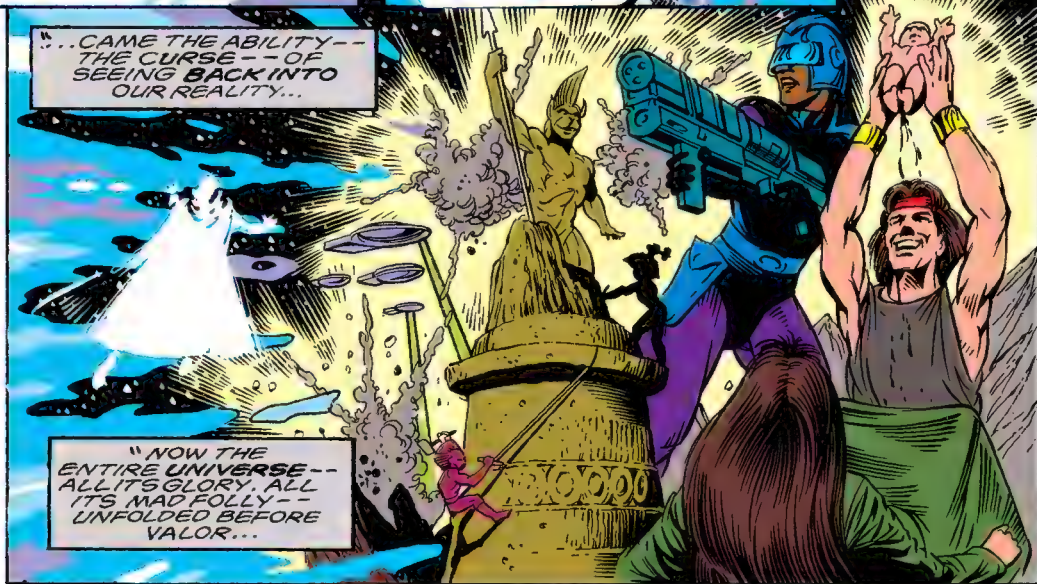
...MOTHER...  
FATHER...

"...FRIENDS..."

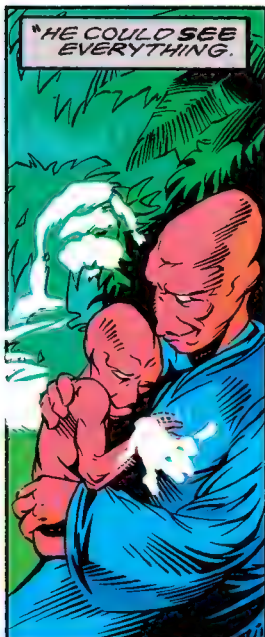
BUT WITH  
THE CONCENTRATION  
THAT BROUGHT  
PEACE BACK TO  
VALOR'S MIND...

"...CAME THE ABILITY--  
THE CURSE-- OF  
SEEING BACK INTO  
OUR REALITY...

"NOW THE  
ENTIRE UNIVERSE--  
ALL ITS GLORY, ALL  
ITS MAD FOLLY--  
UNFOLDED BEFORE  
VALOR...



"HE COULD SEE  
EVERYTHING.



"BUT HE COULD  
TOUCH NOTHING.  
COMMUNICATE WITH  
NOT A SOUL.

VALOR WAS  
ALONE, ALONE  
WITH HIS  
THOUGHTS.  
ALONE WITH HIS  
CONSCIENCE.



"COMPLETELY  
ALONE FOR NEARLY  
100 DECADES.

"UNTIL..."



VALOR!!  
VALOR!!

PLEASE--





BUT JUST AS QUICKLY AS THE CURRENTS OF THE ZONE HAS BROUGHT THESE TWO TOGETHER THEY SEPARATED THEM. SHE WAS GONE.

NO! NO!

DID I JUST IMAGINE IT? AM I FINALLY LOSING MY SANITY?

...PHANTOM GIRL WAS RIGHT...

"BUT THE STRANGE VISIONS PERSISTED."

...BY THE RINGS...

HELP ME! PLEASE HELP ME!

...WE'VE LOCKED IN ON HIM...

...MAY NOT WORK...

...OUR ONLY HOPE...

"SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, VALOR FOUND HIMSELF PROJECTED BACK INTO OUR REALITY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 100 DECADES..."

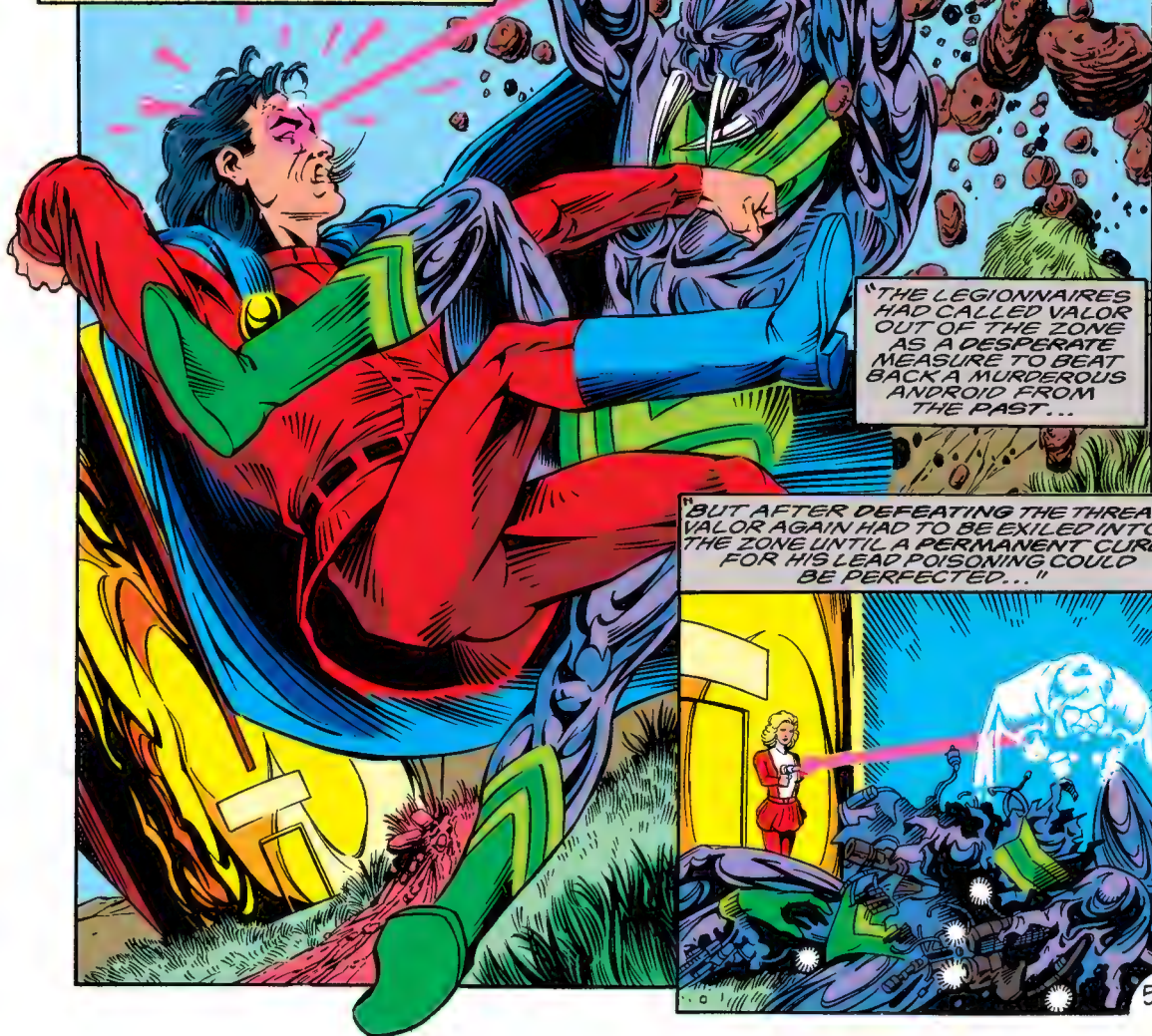
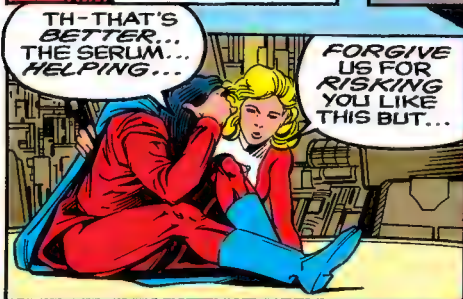
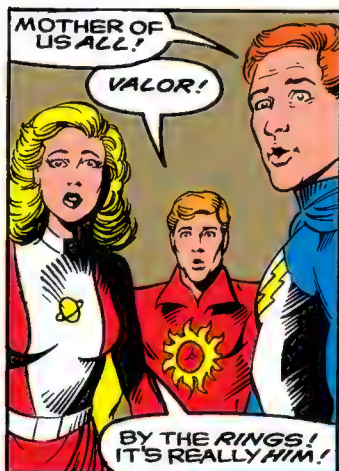
...OH, MY GOD...

...BLOOD PULSING THROUGH MY VEINS...

...AIR FILLING MY LUNGS...

I'M ALIVE AGAIN!







"IT WAS THE GREATEST TORTURE YET TO GET A TASTE OF FREEDOM AND THEN BE RETURNED TO HIS PRISON."

"BUT THIS TIME VALOR'S WAIT WAS BRIEF..."

...NOW WE'RE READY...

...SERUM IS PERMANENT...



...TIME TO END YOUR EXILE...



"AGAIN VALOR FOUND HIMSELF MATERIALIZING IN OUR REALITY..."



"BUT THIS TIME, HIS GREETING WAS SOMEWHAT WARMER..."

VALOR!

VALOR!

THE FATHER!

VALOR!

IT'S VALOR!

We ♥ U Valor!

VALOR!

WELCOME VALOR

Caggy Loves Valor

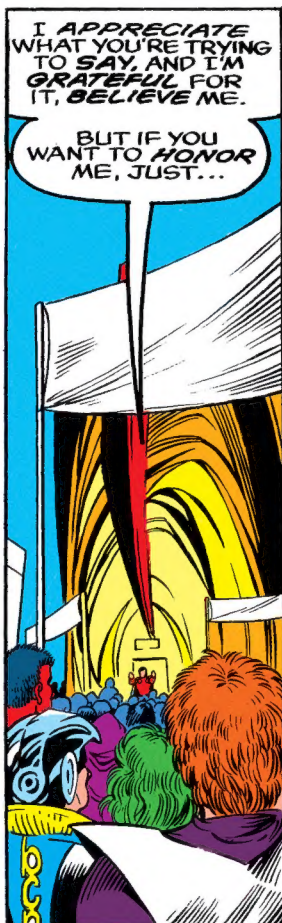
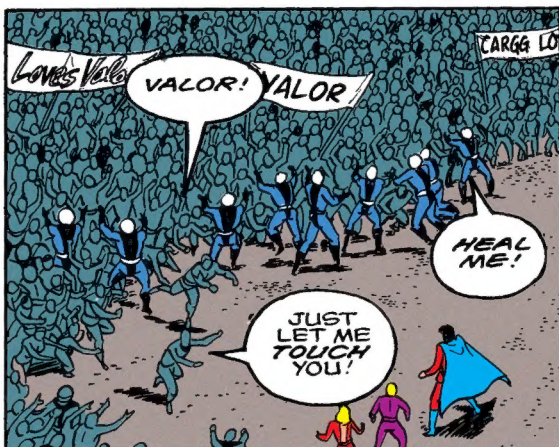
Valor Forever

WINATH SAY VALOR'S THE

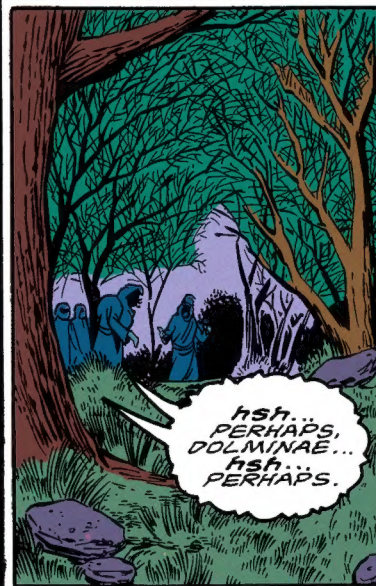
Valor

...my god...









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From Baaldur, with love...

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